

NRP calls for investigation into conditions of Edri imprisonment

NATIONAL Religious Party head MK Zevulun Hammer yesterday demanded an investigation into the conditions under which Lt. Oren Edri and others suspected of being involved in a new Jewish underground are being held and questioned.

In a statement issued yesterday, Hammer said that questions he had asked of sources close to the investigation of Edri and the others indicated that Edri had been physically and emotionally abused, and that his raised questions about "the security forces' improper use of their authority and the methods of fear that they employ and also about the norms of government and democracy in our day."

He suggested that the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, or one of its subcommit-

tees, visit the detention facilities of the General Security Service to clarify the situation.

Tsomet MK Eliezer Zandberg has requested that the Knesset Law Committee meet urgently to discuss the conditions under which the suspects are being held.

Meanwhile, the Association of Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) demanded yesterday that the suspects be allowed to meet with their lawyers immediately.

In a letter to Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz, ACRI director-general Amos Gil stressed that the right of a prisoner to meet with his lawyer is essential for a fair criminal proceeding.

It is also a fundamental right which the High Court of Justice

has ruled is protected by the Basic Law: Human Dignity and Freedom, Gil noted.

Although the police do have the legal right to prevent security prisoners from meeting their lawyers for up to 15 days without court approval, and for an additional 15 days with a court order, this right was meant to be used only in exceptional cases, where the danger that permitting such a meeting would interfere with the investigation was overwhelming, Gil said.

"This proceeding raises the heavy suspicion that in many cases, the police did not use this exceptional authority for the purposes for which it was granted," Gil wrote in his letter. "Instead, they abused this authority in order

to put pressure on the suspect during the investigation. Applying pressure to a prisoner by means of such an unfair procedure is absolutely unacceptable."

Gil also implied that the state must be aware of the dubious nature of this proceeding, since, in the vast majority of the dozens of petitions to the High Court ACRI has filed on this matter, the state allowed the prisoner to meet with his lawyer before the case was even heard.

This has already happened in the case of Edri, who was allowed to meet with his attorney, Zion Amir, on Thursday, after Amir petitioned the High Court.

Another petition is pending before the court from attorneys MK David Mena and Yossi Akiva, who are representing Yehoyada and Eitan Kahalani.



Mahmoud Abbas, an architect of the Israel-PLO self-rule agreement, arrives in Jericho on Friday from Jordan, saying he looked forward to life as an ordinary citizen. "I'm happy to be back on my land, no more as a refugee. I want to take my rights and my land and to live as a normal person," Abbas said before leaving for a brief visit to Ramallah, from where he was to proceed to Gaza. (Reuters)

3 K. Arba residents arrested

HERB KEINON

THREE Kiryat Arba residents were arrested late Friday night for allegedly firing at Palestinians, who the three said threw rocks and a petrol bomb at them in Hebron.

The three arrested are IDF soldier Alex Kogen, his father Agri-gory Kogen, and an aunt, Ilana Podolsky.

An IDF spokesman could not be reached for comment on the matter last night. One Kiryat Arba settlement official said that two Palestinians were wounded by the shots.

Kiryat Arba lawyer Elyakim Ha'etzi said that a remand hearing is scheduled for this morning. The three arrested immigrated from the former Soviet Union four years ago.

Noam Arnon, spokesman for the settlement in Hebron, said the arrests are just another indication of the government's heavy-handed measures "that remind us of Stalinism and an authoritarian regime." He said it is inconceivable that people should be arrested for

and after a petrol bomb was thrown. Podolsky said that Agri-gory Kogen was not even in the car on the way to Jerusalem, but only joined his relatives for the return trip to Kiryat Arba.

According to Alex Podolsky, Ilana's husband, his wife, his wife's elderly mother, and Alex Kogen were on their way to Jerusalem Friday afternoon to visit Kogen's mother, who has been hospitalized for two weeks following a car accident.

Podolsky said his wife's mother, who was not arrested, told him the IDF blocked the road to Jerusalem just outside of Hebron to check a suspicious object placed on the side of the road, and that they decided to drive to Jerusalem using another route.

According to Podolsky, the shots were fired after the car came under attack by a barrage of rocks,

"acting in self defense." According to Arnon, these arrests - as well as the arrests of five area residents for alleged involvement in attacks against Arabs - is just a move by the government to paint the Kiryat Arba settlers as the enemy.

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Eitan renews challenge to Netanyahu

SARAH HONIG

TSOMET leader Rafael Eitan has rekindled his challenge for head of the right-wing bloc, despite the apparent harmony lately between him and Likud chairman Benjamin Netanyahu.

Eitan's ally, MK Moshe Peled, has asked the National Religious Party to open up its membership to non-religious people, an issue which is to be discussed at the NRP convention next month.

The proposal is hotly opposed by some of the party's rabbinical members.

Adopting the proposal would make it easier for the entire right to join in a single political bloc.

But the NRP would be less likely to participate in such a bloc if it maintains its restrictive membership.

Tsomet sources explain that the formation of a right-wing bloc is a prerequisite for the launching of the prime ministerial ambitions of both Eitan and the Likud's Ariel Sharon.

Both Eitan and Sharon said they would run for the premiership and have sought to put together a primary framework whereby the entire right would choose a candidate for prime minister.

This is opposed by Netanyahu, whose No. 1 slot on the Likud list is protected by the need to amass a 75 percent majority in the central committee to hold new primaries.

Hizbullah attacks SLA

DAVID RUDGE

HIZBULLAH gunmen attacked a South Lebanese Army patrol in the Jezzeine region north of the security zone yesterday.

The Shi'ite terrorist organization announced on Friday that one of its men who ambushed the IDF patrol near Talousa in the central sector of the zone on Thursday was also killed.

IDF paratrooper Ohad Nissim was killed in that attack and another soldier was wounded.

More than a dozen Hizbullah gunmen were believed to have been involved in the ambush. (Nissim buried, Page 12)

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Arafat names pro-Jordanian leader to head Ministry of Islamic Wakf Affairs

JON IMMANUEL

PLO CHAIRMAN Yasser Arafat yesterday named a pro-Jordanian Islamic leader to take charge of a Ministry of Islamic Wakf Affairs.

Hassan Tabboub, chairman of the Palestinian Higher Islamic Council in Jerusalem, was sworn in during the Palestinian Authority's weekly meeting in Gaza, PA Housing Minister Dr. Zakaria Agha said.

From 1967-1983, Tabboub directed the Jordanian-run Islamic Wakf and has close ties with Jordan, said Mohammed Nussiebeh,

spokesman of the Islamic Council. The establishment of a Wakf Ministry could in itself be considered a challenge to Jordan's recently highlighted role as guardian of Moslem holy places in Jerusalem.

Tabboub's role is to include not only Islamic sites in Gaza and Jericho but also relations with Moslems, Christians and Jews in Jerusalem, Agha said.

"This is an internal affair between Palestinians and Jordan,"

but Tabboub's relations with Jordan mean he is acceptable to both Jordan and Palestinians, and that is why he was chosen," Agha said.

Last month, a Gazan, Sheikh Mohammed Abu Sardaneh, was appointed overseer of the Islamic council system.

In his first interview with the daily Al-Quds, he spoke of the Palestinian "priority" in Jerusalem, contradicting Israel's offer of a "high priority" to Jordan in eventual talks concerning Jerusalem's Moslem holy places.

Two killed, two injured in road accidents

TWO people were killed and two injured, one seriously, in road accidents over the weekend.

A three-year-old girl was fatally injured Friday in the village of Dir el-Asad in the Galilee when she was hit by a car.

The car's driver had apparently stopped to let a group of children cross the road, and then continued when he thought all the children had done so. The girl suddenly dashed across the road in front of him, and he hit her. She died of head injuries at Nahariya Government Hospital.

A 38-year-old resident of Atarot, north of Jerusalem, was killed yesterday afternoon when a truck hit his car on the Shuafat Road. The driver of the truck was lightly injured.

A woman who was apparently fighting with her husband as the two drove along the Pisgat Ze'ev-Jerusalem road, suddenly jumped out of the car and suffered serious injuries. She was taken to Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem. Police are investigating.

At least nine people were killed

in road accidents in the past week, bringing the number of road deaths in 1994 to 408. Thirty people were injured in last week's accidents.

Police last week suspended the licenses of some 300 people, in-

cluding 36 suspended for speeding on Friday night in a special crackdown in the Dan region.

In the North, in a test Friday night of new laser equipment to detect speeders, 175 drivers were found to be speeding. (Him)

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No reason yet for Thursday plane crash

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A blackened hillside crater yielded shattered body parts and shards of twisted metal but no answer to the mystery of a USAir jetliner that abruptly fell from the sky on a clear, still evening.

"We're all very much at a loss to explain this," said US Transport Secretary Federico Pena.

The crew of USAir Flight 427 radioed from 10 km away on final approach for landing at the Pittsburgh airport Thursday evening and gave no sign of any problem.

Thirty-eight seconds later, the plane was in trouble and the crew said:

"Oh (unintelligible) Oh God!" The control tower told the flight to maintain its altitude at 6,000 feet.

Two seconds later, the crew said:

(Unintelligible) "Traffic emergency (unintelligible) Oh shit."

There was no further communication from the plane, according to a transcript released by the Federal Aviation Administration.

The plane flew nose-first into the hill, killing all 132 people on board. All but one, a Montreal man, were US residents, according to a passenger list.

It was the nation's deadliest crash since 1987 and USAir's fifth fatal crash in as many years.

A review of the recordings from the air tower and those contained in the cockpit voice recorder shed little light on the cause of the crash, Carl Vogt, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board, said yesterday.

At about 6,000 feet, with both engines operating, the plane apparently rolled to the left in an abnormal way, according to preliminary information from a flight data recorder.

That was 23 seconds before impact, Vogt said.

There were no immediate indications of explosives or a bird caught in the engine, he said.

USAir Chairman Seth Schofield said the airline had received no



Rescue workers from the USAir plane crash.

threats toward Flight 427 and had

"no reason to believe there was sabotage." The 7-year-old aircraft had undergone all scheduled maintenance and the captain and first officer each had more than 7,000 hours of flying time, he said.

The flight had originated in Chicago, and was to continue on the West Palm Beach, Fla. after a stop in Pittsburgh. The five-member crew was on the last day of a three-

day flight, Vogt said.

Witnesses reported seeing the jetliner bank to the right, roll a few times and crash nose-first into a ravine. Some witnesses reported hearing an explosion before the crash; others said they heard the engine sputter, then go silent.

Hundreds saw the plane go down, including children and parents at a soccer game about a half-mile away and people outside a

shopping center.

"The engines sputtered," said 10-year-old Jason Moka, who was on the soccer field. "Then there was fire and smoke coming out of it. Then it turned upside down, and it spun."

The Boeing 737-300 gouged out a crater in a stand of trees and shattered into countless small pieces. Only the plane's tail remained intact.

"Usually when a plane crashes, there's some large section left somewhere, but that didn't happen in this case," said Jim Eichenlaub, Hopewell Township's director of emergency services.

"They're all very small pieces."

Body parts, pieces of plane, luggage and clothing were scattered over the trees and ground.

The crash site was declared a biological hazard.

IRA escape bid rocks cease-fire

LONDON (Reuters) — An armed escape attempt by IRA prisoners shook the fragile Northern Ireland peace process yesterday, but the group's allies insisted a historic 10-day-old cease-fire remained intact.

Sinn Fein, the political voice of the Irish Republican Army, moved swiftly to distance itself from the inmates' bid for freedom, saying Friday's failed break-out from a British jail "in no way" violated the historic truce.

A muted reaction from Britain also suggested the violent escape attempt, which left a prison guard with minor gunshot wounds, would not pose a serious threat to the peace process.

But the incident undermined efforts to persuade Northern Ireland's sceptical Protestant community that the IRA is serious about abandoning its 25-year violent campaign to unite the province with predominantly Catholic Ireland.

Leading "unionist" politicians condemned the jailbreak as a clear violation of the truce and called for the IRA to surrender their weapons before being welcomed into talks about a Northern Ireland peace settlement.

Protestant extremists meanwhile admitted their fourth attack against Catholic targets in Northern Ireland since the IRA cease-fire.

Police said yesterday security forces exploded a 1.5 kg bomb attached to the back door of local Sinn Fein councillor and farmer John Hurl at Magherafelt in the central part of the province.

The five IRA prisoners, including a man jailed for plotting to blow up the British government in 1984, tried to shoot their way out of Whitmore jail in Cambridge-

shire on Friday night along with a sixth inmate who had no IRA links.

Two of the would-be escapees made it out of the prison compound but were picked up by police a few hours later.

"We do not regard this as in any way breaching the IRA cease-fire," Sinn Fein Vice President Pat Doherty said in a brief but categorical statement released to the media in Belfast.

Sinn Fein would not comment further on whether IRA commanders had authorized the break-out or what impact it might have on the quest for a permanent peace in Northern Ireland.

Prime Minister John Major's Downing Street office struck a cautious note, declining to comment on the state of the cease-fire but hinting that the thwarted jailbreak would not be a major obstacle to peace.

"Ministers are considering and making an assessment of whether the cease-fire is permanent," a Downing Street spokesman said. "I do not think this particular event is likely to make the decision go one way or another."

Britain insists that Sinn Fein can only be brought in from the cold when there is no doubt about the permanency of the IRA's cease-fire, which took effect on September 1.

Leading Protestant politician Ken Maginnis was in no doubt that the IRA cease-fire had been broken.

"This incident is a stark reminder that amidst the euphoria...the IRA remains an active, scheming and dangerous organisation and its members are still prepared to use weapons and explosives to achieve their ends," he told British radio.

"Last night prison officers and police could have been killed in this very well-planned operation," said Maginnis, whose Ulster Unionist Party supports continued British rule over the province.

US beach yields 1.7m cigarette butts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Combing beaches and along US inland waterways, volunteers found 1.7 million cigarette butts, a 2.25-kg pack of cocaine, a lottery ticket and enough cigarette butts to stretch 45 kms if placed end to end.

Those were only a few of the 73 million pieces of trash, debris and other discarded wastes collected and catalogued by volunteers for the Center for Marine Conservation in the group's sixth annual beach and waterway cleanup.

More than 158,000 volunteers covered 7240 kms of shoreline in 32 states and two territories during the cleanup, most of which took place in September 1993. A summary of what they found was just released in a report.

A similar cleanup is planned for later this fall.

Among the items collected in the latest sweep were: 1.7 million cigarette butts, 344,502 pieces of glass, 203,330 straws, 333,996 bottles, 210,553 cans, 134,547 cups, 40,508 balloons, 30,326 light bulbs and fluorescent tubes, 10,166 plastic syringes, 55,470 plastic trash bags and 6,636 condoms.

A volunteer in Louisiana found a \$2 lottery ticket, and another in Texas uncovered a bag of cocaine labeled "radioactive." Elsewhere, volunteers carried away everything from stripped vehicles to abandoned shopping carts.

"This report is not about trash, it's about people. People are the ones who pollute the ocean water," said Roger McGinnis, president of the Center for Marine Conservation.

Paper-clip helps convicts escape

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Three prisoners used a paper-clip to escape from jail in the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan, leaving a trail of blood and two guards dead, itar-Tass news agency said yesterday.

It said one of the convicts quietly pocketed the paper-clip while being questioned at a police investigator's desk at Katon-Karagai in East Kazakhstan Region.

While he and other prisoners were being moved to a new prison at Botshenarskoye, he used the "tiny piece of metal to pick the lock of all the prisoners' handcuffs."

They jumped their guards and grabbed their automatic rifle. Two policemen were killed in the attack and a third suffered serious wounds.

The escaping prisoners fled into the wilderness, taking their personal files and any extra weapons they could find with them but leaving behind their own heavily bleeding ringleader, who had been shot in the foot.

They were caught within a few hours. A resident who witnessed the shootout led police to a canyon where the fugitives were hiding, Tass added.

Zairean mob kills two soldiers

GOMA, Zaire (AP) — The United Nations yesterday asked all foreign aid workers to take tougher security precautions after a day of violence in Goma left two government soldiers dead and four aid agencies vehicles were hijacked.

According to witnesses, the trouble started when Zairean troops spotted two soldiers killing a civilian who had refused to pay them bribes.

The mob caught the soldiers, hanged one on an electric pole and stoned the other to death, UN radio reports said.

The mob then tied one of the bodies to a car and dragged it through the city.

"We are taking all precautions and I have advised my staff to avoid the troubled districts," said UN High Commissioner for Refugees field director Filippo Grandi.

The UN security office advised foreigners to avoid going out on the street and asked those on rest day to stay indoors.

During the melee, a vehicle owned by World Vision, a US-based aid agency, and three vehicles owned by Paris-based Doctors Without Borders were stopped by the mob and hijacked.

"I felt so close to death, the mob came and asked us to get out," said Jaime Antonio, a World Vision aid worker from Mozam-

bique. "I realized the only way to safety was to leave."

"The mob ordered the driver, a Zairean, to drive on," said Antonio, who managed to take shelter in the UNHCR building.

Within a half-hour, the mob had stopped and hijacked a half dozen other vehicles, said other witnesses. It was not immediately known who owned the vehicles.

Meanwhile, enraged Zairean soldiers came out of their barracks and started hunting for the mob.

"As a security precaution we have asked all our 35 French staff to come and stay together in one house at least for tonight," said Ms. Bonner.

Germans glued to \$27m lottery

More than 35 million coupons handed in during the week

BONN (Reuters) — Lottery fever gripped millions of Germans, all hoping for a win in yesterday's record 42 million mark (\$27 million) jackpot.

The 10-minute ritual of the draw on national television was likely to command more viewers than any time in its 20-year history.

More than 35 million coupons were handed in during the week, almost one for every two Germans, making a total stake of some 400 million marks (\$260 million).

Manich's daily Abendzeitung newspaper offered a very last chance for those who thought they had missed the Friday evening deadline for coupons.

They just had to get themselves to Berlin, which has the only kiosk in Germany entitled to accept coupons up till 11 a.m. yesterday.

But experts warned that too much "lotto fever" could be a bad.

"Incredibly large sums of mon-

ey are being offered which a normal earner has no concept of," health expert Professor Klaus Hurrelmann told Cologne's Stadt-Anzeiger newspaper, arguing for the jackpot to be limited to three million to five million marks (\$1.9 million to \$3.2 million).

"People who have a need to escape from everyday reality because they can't cope with its unpleasant burdens are in danger of becoming addicted to the lottery."

The top prize has grown so large because no one has guessed the correct numbers since June, so that each week up to \$2 million have been added to the pot.

Millions of people who had never played the lottery before — including thousands who have streamed over from surrounding countries — have been besieging newspapers and kiosks.

Newspapers have offered a wealth of tips on how to win, including numbers chosen by celeb-

rities or astrologers.

In Cologne, two robbers thought they could take a short cut by waylaying a courier collecting Friday's last-minute lottery takings from a kiosk. The courier threw the money to a petrol-station attendant who refused to hand it over.

There has also been no end of advice on what to do with the money for those who may acquire it legally.

This includes the sobering tip that the tax authorities will take one percent of the cash-mountain in wealth-tax every year, and more than half of the interest it earns.

One Berlin gambler had no doubt what she would do. "Spend, spend, spend — and put the rest in Switzerland so the tax-man can't get it," she said.

Participants in the lottery have to guess six numbers correctly out of 49, plus a "super-number" between one and 10.

Mandela hears concerns of former ANC guerrillas

PRETORIA (AP) — President Nelson Mandela appeared on the lawn of his capital offices overnight to tell hundreds of former ANC guerrillas that their concerns would be addressed.

The protesters had marched 45 kilometers from an army base to Pretoria. They complained about problems surrounding their integration into a new South African army, and also said the African National Congress had failed to pay money promised to them for service outside the country during the anti-apartheid struggle.

Mandela, who addressed the protesters at 10:15 p.m., about an hour after they arrived, said he hoped to meet officials of the defense department and his ANC tomorrow to discuss their grievances.

"It must be remembered that these men and women were involved in the liberation struggle," Mandela told reporters.

The ex-guerrillas broke into a welcoming chant when they spotted Mandela. He later arranged for army trucks to take the protesters back to their base, and ordered they be fed.

A spokesman for the protesters, Solomon Zitho, said the ex-guerrillas in training for the new army "do not enjoy the same status" as soldiers who had trained with the old South African army.

He also said the ex-guerrillas needed homes and other help in re-establishing themselves in the

community after years in exile. He also said the protesters wanted about 1,000 ex-guerrillas who had been expelled from training at their be allowed to rejoin.

An army composed of former guerrillas and members of apartheid South Africa's security forces was formally established May 1, after the ANC won the country's first multiracial elections in April.

The integration has been troubled by disputes over pay and rank. Black former guerrillas complain that white officers of the old army receive better treatment.

There also have been concerns that former enemies may not accept each other as comrades, and that ex-guerrillas may not be up to the standards of a formal army.

Attack on Burundi church left at least 70 dead

BUJUMBURA (Reuters) — At least 70 people were killed in an attack almost a week ago on a Catholic church in Burundi as ethnic violence continued to escalate, the Red Cross said yesterday.

"People are being killed here almost every day now. Nobody claims responsibility for the attacks, it's just speculation from both sides and rumours," Daniel Philippin, chief of delegation of

the International Committee of the Red Cross in Bujumbura, told Reuters.

He said details of last Sunday's attack during a baptismal mass at the church at Buhinyuza commune in the northeastern province of Muvumba were filtering out and it was now known that of the 70 dead, 60 were women and children.

He said it was not clear who was

responsible. Previous official reports on the incident spoke of nine dead.

Burundi has the same ethnic make-up as neighboring Rwanda which has gone through one of the worst tribal bloodlettings in history.

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Pope starts Croatia visit

ZAGREB (AP) — Pope John Paul II made his first visit to the maelstrom of former Yugoslavia yesterday, with a trip to Zagreb and meetings with Croatian officials intent on reaping political gains from the visit.

The Croatian government sent up a pair of Soviet-made MiG-21 warplanes to escort the pontiff's Alitalia jetliner safely to the Zagreb airport yesterday afternoon. It landed at 5:15 p.m. after the flight from Rome.

Croatia is still chafing at the loss of one-third of its territory to Serbs during its civil war in 1991, and wants the pontiff's visit to focus attention on its plight.

"We've all been waiting for this since the communist era," said 44-year-old Zagreb architect Darko Manestar. "We're very thankful to the pope because he officially recognized Croatia two days before the European Community did."

The recognition by Vatican and the European Community, as the European Union was then known, was important for establishing Croatia's full independence.

The two-day visit to Zagreb is the pontiff's first trip to former Yugoslavia.

Fighting in Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital, forced him to cancel a stop there. Bosnian Serb leaders opposed the visit, and said they could not guarantee its security.

The Serbian Orthodox Church also blocked the pope's hoped-for stop in Belgrade, the heart of rump Yugoslavia.

Private cars were banned from Zagreb streets for security, turn-

ing much of the city into a sun-baked outdoor bazaar in the hours before the pontiff's arrival.

Thousands of pilgrims headed toward the Zagreb cathedral, clutching yellow-and-white Vatican flags along with red-and-white-and-blue Croatian flags.

Croatia is nearly 70 percent Roman Catholic and will be looking for political symbolism at every turn of the pontiff's two-day stay. The pope's main public event is a Mass before several hundred thousand people this morning at a Zagreb horse racing track.

The first crucial point is the pontiff's stop in the majestic cathedral, where he was expected to pray at the tomb of Zagreb Cardinal Alojzije Stepinac. The World War II-era cardinal is revered as an anti-communist by Croats, but condemned as a Nazi sympathizer by many Serbs.

Croatian President Franjo Tudjman said the papal visit would give "moral support" to his country's struggle to regain territory seized by the country's minority Serbs in the 1991 civil war. He was to meet with the pope after the pontiff's arrival at Zagreb airport and a second time this morning.

Jure Radic, Tudjman's chief of Cabinet, told Croatian television Friday night that the pope's visit to Croatia has political as well as religious significance.

Radic said the "eyes of the world" will be directed "to the events in Croatia, to all that happened to Croatia in the last three years and to the injustice which is still being done to Croatia."



Sarajevans run, trying to dodge snipers at the infamous Sniper Alley on Friday. (AP)

Sarajevans lose faith in peace talks

ADNAN Muhamedovic switched off his radio in disgust at the news report on yet another round of diplomacy over Bosnia.

"Policy, negotiations. Again and again. When I hear that, I want to throw up," said the 31-year-old former security guard.

They want to persuade me there is still some chance for peace. But I see what is coming. It is enough to listen to the sounds of the night — the crackle of machine guns and the thuds of explosions.

The decision by Pope John Paul II to cancel a one-day visit to Sarajevo and the unrelenting defiance of Bosnian Serbs to an international peace plan darkened an already gloomy mood gripping the city.

Adnan and thousands of other Sarajevans have lost faith in talks. For them, the situation after 29 months of bloodshed is no more than an unstable stalemate and they fear the worst lies ahead.

A NATO ultimatum banning heavy weapons around Sarajevo has helped keep a shaky peace in the capital since February. An anti-sniper agreement has reduced the Russian roulette of venturing onto the streets.

Cafes still buzz with laughter

from the young and privileged who can afford expensive coffee, which costs one German mark (65 cents) — about a quarter of the average monthly salary. The casualty toll is down to only a few a week.

But the Serbs' siege of Sarajevo remains in place, and as its third winter approaches, there are fears another spasm of war will be even harder to bear.

"After this break of hostilities, if I hear only one shell landing next to me, I'll lose my mind. I won't be able to take it," said secretary Sanja Mandic, 31.

Serbs are tightening their stranglehold on Sarajevo by preventing commercial traffic from reaching the 380,000 residents. They have been able to stop international relief flights merely by threatening them.

Many Sarajevans see the Serbs' warnings about security, which prevented the pope from coming, as proof that the besiegers have the power to keep out even hope.

The Bosnian government shares the disillusionment and anger.

It reluctantly accepted the inter-

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national peace plan. Now it sees that the man most blamed for the war — President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia — may reap the most immediate rewards.

Following heavy pressure from Russia, the West is coming around to the idea of easing economic sanctions against Serbia as a reward for Milosevic cutting off supplies to Bosnian Serbs.

Bosnian Serbs, originally armed and encouraged by Milosevic, are holding out against the peace plan, which would cut their holdings from 70 percent of Bosnia to 49 percent. A Muslim-Croat federation would get the rest.

Reprisals threatened last month by the sponsors — the United States, Russia, Britain, France and Germany — have fizzled. The snag is differences between Russia — a traditional Slavic ally of the Serbs — and the West over whether to take a tough or soft approach with the Serbs.

Warnings of tougher measures against Serb violations of the weapons ban around Sarajevo also remain just talk.

The United Nations concedes that Serb heavy weapons frequently violate the ban, but it has not called on NATO to carry out punitive air strikes since Aug. 5, when an aging Serb anti-tank weapon was destroyed.

Alija Izetbegovic, president of Bosnia's Muslim-dominated government, chastised UN peacekeepers this past week for not responding to 11 heavy mortar rounds fired by Serbs into the eastern part of the city.

"The justification for NATO action existed," but the UN did nothing, Izetbegovic said. "The security in and around the city becomes worse every day."

UN officials say the weapons are moved around on trucks in built-up areas. That makes them difficult targets for air strikes and also puts civilians at risk.

UN anti-sniper teams rarely return fire and are generally ridiculed by Sarajevo residents.

The country cannot be saved by the UN protection force, said Izetbegovic.

"It can only be saved by an efficient defense, and that is not possible without our own weapons."

(AP)

EU hopes to cut public debts

LINDAU, Germany — European Union finance ministers, happy about this year's economic recovery but worried about the future, agreed yesterday they must do more to cut public debts and reduce long-term interest rates.

The ministers also complained that the low value of the dollar was hurting their economies, but they didn't discuss ways to give the American currency a lift.

Luxembourg Finance Minister Jean-Claude Juncker said there was "common agreement" among the dozen ministers "that the dollar rate is a problem."

"Everyone is conscious of the fact the dollar rate is making our situation on the export front very difficult," he told reporters during a break in daylong talks at a resort on Lake Constance in southern Germany.

A weak dollar makes American goods sold on the world market cheaper than similar items marketed by European nations with more expensive currencies.

"Everyone agreed that Europe is coming out of recession and entering a clear and hopefully sustainable recovery period," Juncker told reporters as the informal meeting broke for lunch.

"But attention needs to be paid to budget deficits which pose a long lasting problem for Europe," he added.

European Economic Affairs Commissioner Henning Christophersen said there had been agreement that public debts must be cut to restore confidence in the money markets and bring long-term interest rates down.

"We are coming out of the recession with the highest level of public debt in Europe since World War II," he said. "We need to convince the markets that fiscal strategy will now be much more cautious, more prudent."

He added that although inflation was low and seemed to be under control, there was a danger that it could start rising again as the recovery took hold unless wages were kept under control and labor markets made more flexible.

German Finance Minister Theo Waigel, hosting the meeting, welcomed the recovery but added his voice to those calling for action on public finances.

"The reduction of deficits must have top priority," he said.

Juncker said there was general agreement that the low dollar threatened EU exports and therefore the recovery, but there had been no consensus on how to tackle the problem.

German central bank president Hans Tietmeyer left the door open to further cuts in his country's short-term interest rates — a move that could both bolster the recovery and help bring European exchange rates down against the dollar.

"The decision on further cuts in short-term rate cuts is completely open...we cannot be sure we have reached the floor," he said. (Agencies)

Australia's school of Babel

PETER JAMES SPIELMANN

TEMPE, Australia

HELPING foreigners become better at their own languages may sound like a strange way to help them learn English, but it seems to work in a polyglot school of immigrant kids.

Only 18 percent of the students at Tempe Language High School speak English at home. The other 82 percent speak Arabic, Chinese, French, Greek, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Macedonian, Portuguese, Tagalog, Urdu, Vietnamese or something else.

When Peter James became principal in the late 1980s, the 800 students were doing poorly in English. Since conventional methods obviously hadn't worked, he decided to turn the system upside down and proceed on the assumption that the diversity of languages was a strength, not a weakness.

"During 1988, when we were just trying to clarify what it was we were trying to do, someone from the language faculty said that there is research evidence that people have difficulty learning a second language if they are deficient in their first," James recalled in an interview. "And when you think about it, four out of five of our students have English as their second language."

James reasoned that "if that argument's correct, the community language ought to support the learning of English." As a result, the school began teaching Arabic, Chinese, French, Greek, Japanese, Macedonian and Vietnamese.

All major required courses, such as history, mathematics and civics, continue to be taught in English.

Within a few years, English scores improved so much that they now rank at about the average in New South Wales state, a great achievement for children of immigrant families.

In Australia, one of the great monocultures until it abandoned a "whites only" immigration policy two decades ago, fluency in English remains the key to social and professional success.

"It is the language that Parliament speaks in," James said. "It is the language that we do business in. Without English, you are locked out of so much."

The system James uses in Tempe, a suburb of Sydney, is an

anomaly that appears to work.

"From any common-sense understanding of education, it would seem crazy to reduce the time of the English curriculum," said Courtney Cazden, a Harvard professor who visited Tempe. "And yet, the factual result evidently is improved English achievement."

She made the comments in "School of Babel," a documentary on the school.

James believes improving students' abilities in their native tongues improves their general intellectual ability and, in turn, their ability to master a second language.

"If you're not literate enough in your home language, you can't handle abstract thought," he said. "How do you make meaning of the world if you haven't got the language? That's the thing we're looking at."

He is not yet convinced, however, that studying native languages is the direct cause of the higher English scores.

"Perhaps our English results improved because the kids are happier at school," he said. "The school is a more comfortable place to be."

Cazden and other scholars of education from America, Britain, Israel, South Africa and Japan have visited Tempe to see how the problem of multiple languages and cultures was turned into a strength.

Because many of the immigrant families are poorly educated, the school also runs remedial classes to help the children catch up with students born in Australia.

There is little ethnic friction at Tempe. Greek and Macedonian students, for example, get along well despite tension between their homelands that has led to firebombings and vandalism elsewhere in Australia.

The atmosphere is boisterous, but peaceful and productive. James believes respect for heritage and language contributes to the harmony.

He also realizes he has hit on a winning formula, whatever the reasons for its success.

When he tried it, he said, "I didn't realize I was going to become a defender of multiculturalism. I thought I was just running a high school."

(AP)

Abortion debate helps international conference

CAIRO (AP) — The abortion debate at the UN population conference, for all its divisiveness, has focused the world's spotlight on the broader issue of curbing the world's population boom.

Delegates were still debating the fine points of their Program of Action yesterday night, but before the conference's Tuesday closing it was expected to approve the wide-ranging plan for slowing population growth.

It's true that many more compelling components of the population conundrum got short shrift — empowering women, ensuring equal education for girls, women's health, and how to balance growth in humankind with the earth's limited resources.

But the silver lining is that with the abortion argument raging, the world paid more attention to overpopulation over the past week than it would have if the conference consisted only of speeches.

"Even calling it an abortion conference has made a lot more interest," Dr. Fred Sai, chairman of the committee on the abortion question, told a news conference yesterday. "Without it, you people (in the media) would have buried it."

While the problems of population growth are huge — the world gains more than 90 million people each year — the meeting has mostly dealt with arguments over minute turns of phrase like "fertility regu-

lation" and "reproductive and sexual health."

The key remaining issues center on "reproductive rights" for women. The Vatican objects that the phrase could include abortion, and Muslim countries are worried that the wording could foster premarital sex.

Delegates finally hammered out compromise language on "unsafe" abortion Friday, but the Vatican still refused to sign on, along with predominantly Catholic Malta, Ecuador, Peru and Argentina. Delegates said Jordan, Libya and Costa Rica also registered objections yesterday.

Sai, whose committee worked on the abortion compromise, said that for all the fuss, changes in language on abortion did not alter the meaning that much.

But he noted the Vatican's rigid stance through five days of debate produced much bitterness.

"There is rightful anger, frustration and concern among many quarters about the extent we had to bend over backwards" in trying to accommodate the Vatican's position, Sai said.

When the conference ends on Tuesday, delegates from 184 countries will go home with a 113-page plan of action to tackle population issues over the next 20 years.

At the current rate of population growth, the current population of 5.7 billion would hit 10 billion by 2050.

US, N. Korea try fresh start to nuclear talks

BERLIN (Reuters) — The United States and North Korea began a fresh effort yesterday to resolve a nuclear dispute and negotiate an accord that could help end Pyongyang's virtual isolation from the international community.

Smiling officials from the two countries shook hands as the US team arrived at North Korea's old embassy to the former communist East Germany in Berlin for talks on the nuclear issue expected to continue well into next week.

Neither side made any formal comment when the meeting broke up for lunch after three hours. A North Korean source said it seemed that there had been "a good start" and the discussions would be resumed later in the day.

Simultaneously, a US delegation was reported by North Korea's official news agency to have arrived in Pyongyang for talks which also began yesterday on the establishment of liaison offices in the two capitals.

One North Korean official in Berlin told Reuters that under his new leader Kim Jong-il his country would continue policies of opening to the United States and South Korea begun under his late father Kim Il-sung.

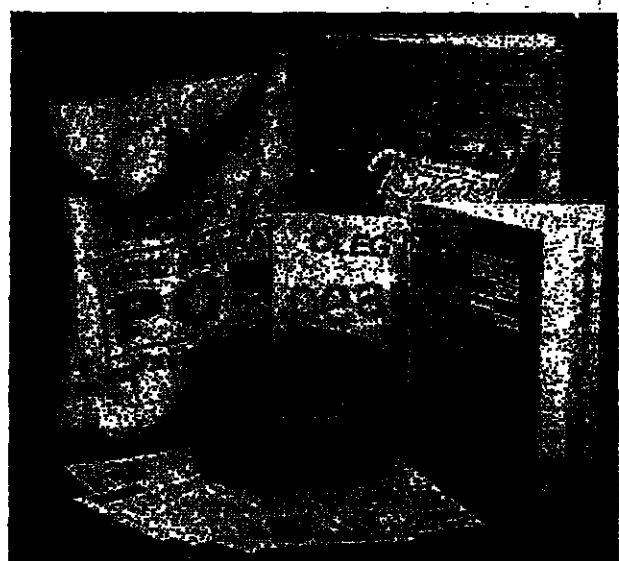
"We are ready for productive negotiations and we hope we can resolve the problems we face," the official said.

The official, who asked not to be named, said the Berlin talks —

expected to continue well into next week after a break today — and the parallel discussions in Pyongyang "are equally important for creating trust between us."

The US team in Berlin is headed by Gary Saymore, a senior aide to Assistant Secretary of State Robert Gallucci who is Washington's top negotiator with Pyongyang. The North Korean side is led by top foreign trade official Kim Jong-u.

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Queen Elizabeth considering legal action to curb media

LONDON (Reuters) — Britain's Queen Elizabeth may take legal action to curb media coverage of royalty — showing how far the mystique of majesty has been eroded by her family's marriage problems and other scandals.

Officials at Buckingham Palace said this week that both the queen and Prince Charles might seek legal redress in an effort to quell ever-increasing media interest in royal affairs.

If these moves end up in court-room, proceedings ironically will take place beneath the Royal Coat of Arms that hangs in British courts, a symbol that judges dispense justice on behalf of the monarch.

The Palace statement is the latest evidence of an increasing disrepute for the convention that the monarch's immediate entourage does not seek — and should never need to seek — the protection of

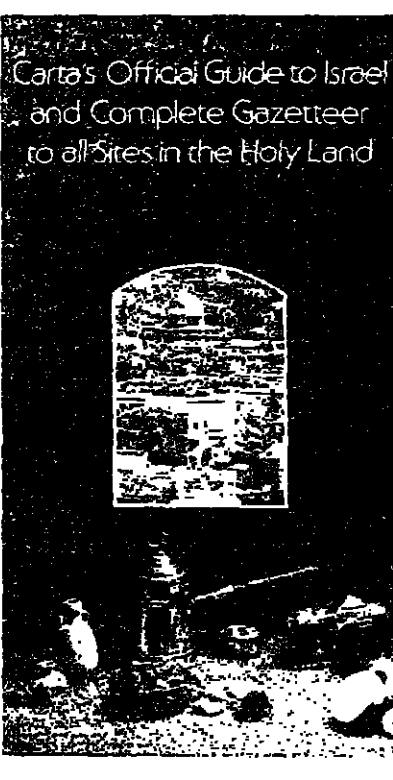
her own courts. This itself reflects the damage inflicted on the standing of the Royal Family in recent years, principally, by the marriage problems of the queen's children.

"The Royal Family is at a major and potentially dangerous crossroads in its relationship with its subjects...The old pomp, and we'll turn a blind eye to the circumstance, has gone for ever," Today newspaper said.

Palace officials were still considering suing newspapers over reports about the financing of the upkeep of Royal palaces which the officials said suggested money had been misappropriated or even stolen.

A spokesman said the palace was studying fresh stories in Friday's press on the affair.

"We are looking at the extent to which inaccuracies have been corrected," he said.



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Hebrew University joins the multimedia rush

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

MULTIMEDIA – the mixture of video pictures, sound and computer data – will be an everyday part of learning during the coming decade.

Not only will preschoolers be taught colors, shapes and letters on multimedia screens, but medical school students will use multimedia to "explore" the human body and watch the course of diseases. Many professionals will get their basic training by interacting with multimedia programs. It will probably even be adopted by traditional yeshivot in helping to explain abstruse issues in the Talmud.

The Hebrew University has decided to get in on the action, not only by following what is being developed in the private sector, but by acting as a catalyst in the development of multimedia tools for formal and informal education. After several years of preparation, the university's new Center for Multimedia-Assisted Instruction has been established in the Humanities building on the Mount Scopus campus.

The center, headed by Prof. Nava Ben-Zvi, is a collaborative effort of the university and Yeda Computers, which is the Israeli representative of Apple Computers. The Rashi Foundation assisted by donating \$250,000 for the latest hardware. The center's staff consists of 10 mostly part-time, unentured staffers – experts in sociology, communications, education, computers and other disciplines.

"I've been interested for many years in the use of computers for teaching the layman," says Ben-Zvi, who is by training a chemist

and helped establish the Open University. "The use of non-textual media for education fascinates me." A few years ago, the then-president of the university, Prof. Yoram Ben-Porath, approached Ben-Zvi and asked her to involve the Hebrew University in new teaching technologies.

The new center (tel. 02-883221) is working with university departments on all four campuses in Jerusalem and Rehovot on the potential uses of multimedia in their studies and the programs they will need. "We are involved with all units, even the libraries and the language labs. And we are now building a branch of the multimedia center on the Givat Ram campus in addition to the headquarters on Mount Scopus. We are also in regular contact with the Jerusalem Education Authority and want to introduce multimedia in schools as well."

The connection with Yeda and Apple came about because Ben-Zvi has worked on a Macintosh computer for years. "I thought it was natural to approach Apple's representative in Israel to see if they were interested in working together on the project. They were very eager, but we will not include only Apple hardware or software in the center." It was a natural for Apple, because Macintosh was chosen this year by the Education Ministry as the most suitable tool for teaching and creating multimedia.

"The main aim is to create a comprehensive compendium of multimedia and programs for training, especially teachers," says Dr. Yoram Friedman, Yeda Computers' general manager. "Since



The Center for Multimedia-Assisted Instruction is hoping to see multimedia programs introduced in the schools. (Roni Ne'eman)

the Eighties, Apple has been the flag-bearer in this field... [which] has grown tremendously in recent years here and abroad. The sky is the limit. We thought the time had

come for dedicating... [resources] to a serious and academic study of the wonderful world of multimedia," continues Friedman. "One of the most important things is to

understand what can be achieved using multimedia in education."

The center, says Ben-Zvi, aims at creating interdisciplinary working groups for developing multi-

media concepts and products, especially for schools; building a system of teacher training in the use of multimedia; encouraging commercial and public interests to de-

velop unique programs on a school, community and national level; creating data bases using multimedia; collecting research literature from around the world on these topics; initiating international conferences on multimedia in Jerusalem; and producing and distributing the latest information on multimedia via CD-ROM and online electronic mail.

The new center has already created a means for Hebrew-speaking computer users, especially teachers, to log on to the Internet in Hebrew. Called Snunit and developed by Dudu Rashdi, the system will serve as a bulletin board for the exchange of information on multimedia teaching. Ben-Zvi explains that biology teachers, for example, will be able to compare notes on what multimedia software is available in their field, and suggest ideas for explaining specific subjects, such as photosynthesis (the e-mail address of Snunit is ELIK@WWW.HUJIA.AC.IL).

Multimedia will proliferate through educational institutions, but it will not eliminate textbook use, frontal teaching or ordinary (non-video) computer diskettes, insists Ben-Zvi. "Each medium has its strong points. The important thing is to combine all of them in the most effective mix for the classroom."

It will probably be easiest to introduce multimedia in the younger grades, as the younger generation are so geared to TV and computer learning that the combination of sound, computer data and video will come naturally for them, she says. "They react as naturally to symbols as they do to letters. We will try out theories on kindergarten children, starting in Jerusalem."

Brave new world of computer upgrading

ON LINE

DANIEL BAUM

UPGRADE a computer can be a pain, but very often it is a necessity.

Yesterday's hot-rod dream machine very soon becomes today's antique; it is very interesting to browse through old computer magazines and see what they were writing about the 286 in 1988.

The last time I wrote about the various options open to computer buyers was in my very first column in the Post; but a few things have changed in the interim.

The 386 is now essentially obsolete. Furthermore, the 486 SX has been the best of its kind for some time, and the 486 DX2, although still considered a powerful processor, has been overtaken by huge price reductions in the next model up, the 486 DX2. This chip is today's bargain; a system can be put together for approximately as much as a 386 SX system would have cost just a year and a half ago. A 486 DX2/66 system typically runs 10 times faster than a 386 SX.

A year ago, the DX2/66, which runs at 66 megahertz, was the ultimate in PC computer power; today it is already starting to be perceived as the entry-level system.

For real power users, there is the Pentium Processor, which in its more powerful 90 Mhz guise runs almost twice as fast as a DX2/66, and a new intermediate chip, the DX4 (for copyright reasons it's no longer known as a 486, although that's what it is).

The DX4, which enhances its performance by tripling the speed of its internal clock while running on a regular 33 Mhz system board, is approximately 30 percent faster than a DX2/66. The latter, by the way, uses a clock-doubling technique.

Like-wise, hard-disk sizes seem to be doubling every year. Whereas just a few years ago a 40 megabyte disk was the ultimate luxury, the minimum available nowadays seems to be 200 Mb, while 340 Mb or more is the standard.

And so what would be the preferred configuration for a good-value PC for 1994? I would recommend a 486 DX2/66 with a hard disk of at least 340 Mb; a Super VGA video card, accelerated if you want it for graphics work in Windows, and 8 Mb of RAM (main memory) or more to run Windows properly. In six months'

time the price of Pentium or DX4 chips will probably be low enough to make them worthwhile. The above system will today cost under NIS 6,000, including VAT.

All this brings us back to the question of upgrades. If you bought a system a year ago that is now almost obsolete, what should you do? What you can upgrade obviously depends on what you have.

If you have an XT or 286 system, your best bet is probably just to go out and buy yourself a brand new gleaming computer with all the latest toys. On such an old system, probably nothing is salvageable.

If you have a 386, then you're better off. Assuming you have a modern (IDE) hard disk with approximately 100 Mb of storage, you can keep this disk and add another one to it. All modern hard-disk controller cards can handle two disks. This means your data are left intact and you gain all of the second disk. In such

a system you probably have a VGA or Super VGA video card, which can still be used after the upgrade.

Processor upgrades are almost never possible. You can't simply unplug your 386 and put a 486 in its place. The best way to do a processor upgrade is to exchange the entire motherboard. That way everything on the motherboard is geared to the new processor. You will also gain expansion slots of a newer kind (known as Local Bus) which allow faster communication between expansion cards and the processor. Obviously, to make use of this you need special cards that are made for the Local Bus.

That said, there is a chip which upgrades an Intel 486DX to a DX2, and an SX to an SX2. This chip, called the Overdrive, accomplishes the clock-doubling which characterizes the DX2 models.

There is also supposed to be a special Pentium chip called the P-T24, designed as an upgrade to the 486. But no one knows when it will be available, or even if it will work – and in any case it will require more changes than simply exchanging the chips, which will not be possible with all

motherboards.

Another point to take into account is the computer's casing. Most "clones" come in a case with room for two hard disks, two floppies and a CD-ROM. However, some of the "brand name" manufacturers, such as Packard Bell, Digital and Olivetti, provide tiny boxes with little room for expansion.

Furthermore, being proprietary rather than off-the-shelf components, their motherboards are of non-standard shapes. Upgrading such creatures must either be done by the manufacturer, which is invariably more expensive than a standard job, or you must buy a new case and put all your new components inside it.

I did this recently when I upgraded my Packard Bell 386 for a 486 DX2. I bought a motherboard and a case, two megabytes of RAM to replace memory that is soldered onto the Packard Bell's motherboard, and the new case. I also put in an old 100 Mb hard disk left over from a previous upgrade.

The whole job came to just over NIS 2,000, and it is gratifying to see everything running 10 times faster.

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New anti-clotting drug to be tested on local heart patients

HEALTH SCAN

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

A genetically engineered substance that is identical to chemicals produced by leeches will soon be tested on heart patients here.

The leech secretes the substance into its victim to stop its blood clotting and thus keep it flowing.

The substance will be administered over the next 18 months at Sheba Hospital in Tel Hashomer, Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv, Rambam and Carmel hospitals in Haifa, Soroka Hospital in Beer-sheva, Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva, and Assaf Harofeh Hospital in Tzrifin.

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chest pains due to angina pectoris.

FIRM SHARES PEACE PIPE WITH ANTI-SMOKING LOBBY IDB Leasing has voluntarily thrown out part of its advertising campaign because it includes tobacco pipes and therefore could legitimize smoking.

Yeshayahu Ze'evi, the company's managing director, received a letter from Amos Hausner, head of the Israel Society for the Prevention of Smoking, about advertising posters showing a pipe.

The posters showing the tobacco pipes, which were supposed to be hung in banks and on billboards around the country, will be replaced, Hausner said.

SHERLOCK HOLMES OF GARBAGE

University of Arizona scientists don't do their research in an ivory tower – they are probing people's eating habits and dental hygiene by examining residents' garbage.

According to the *New Scientist*, the "Garbage Project" sends researchers to sift through garbage cans outside private homes in Tucson six days a week.

They count the number of empty toothpaste tubes, mouthwash bottles and strands of discarded dental floss. They also note the number of soft-drink cans, ice-cream packages and candy wrappers.

The findings – hardly anyone flosses his teeth regularly (just 26 per thousand) and few use mouthwash.

Old munitions are posing new dangers

NEW WORLDS

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

THERE seems to be no good way to get rid of explosives. Disposing of them by burning fills the air with several dangerous compounds, according to a study conducted jointly by the Weizmann Institute and the University of Florida.

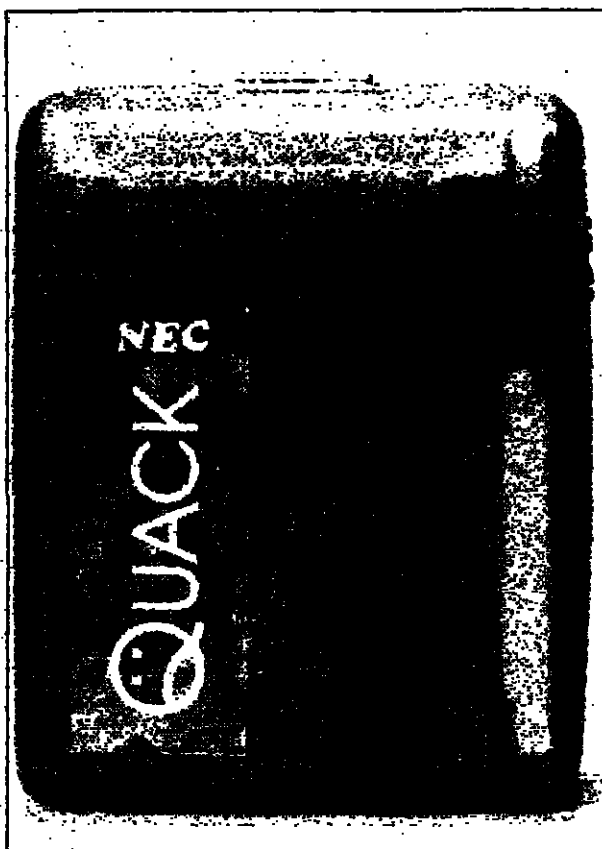
For years, obsolete explosives and munitions were dumped in the sea or buried. But it became clear that these highly toxic compounds pollute groundwater, so incineration was tried as a "safer" means of disposal.

According to the new study, presented at July's 13th International Mass Spectrometry Conference in Budapest, burning can be just as dangerous. This process creates several toxic compounds, including nitric oxide and carbon monoxide, and releases them into the atmosphere.

Prof. Jehuda Yimov of Weizmann's department of environmental sciences and energy research, and Prof. Richard Yost of Florida in collaboration with Dr. Surya Bulusu of the US Army, studied a number of common explosives, including RDX, HMX and TETRYL (the last was used by Iraq in the Gulf War). Samples were heated under controlled conditions and analyzed through gas chromatography and mass spectrometry. Several of the materials produced toxic emissions.

"Disposing of large quantities of explosives in an environmentally acceptable manner poses serious difficulties," says Yimov. All the known disposal methods – burning, burial and open-air detonation – can cause serious environmental contamination, he adds.

Two potential techniques – bacterial transformation and supercritical water degradation – may eventually prove to be safer, but they are still only experimental.



The Quack paging system allows callers to leave their phone numbers without the help of operators.

on-line option for fear they will be shut out of the market.

DUCKING YOUR MESSAGES

A new paging system called Quack will help family members stay in touch. The low-priced beeper does not use telephone operators to take down and transmit messages. Instead, to leave a message, one calls a telephone number and leaves a digital message, such as a phone number or a personal code; just press the buttons on a digital phone to transmit the message directly to the Quack. The beeper device itself is available for as little as NIS 230, and there is a monthly service charge.

Beepakol, which recently introduced the service after noting the success of other companies in Switzerland, England, Sweden and Japan, also offers an additional service: the caller can leave a message in his own voice. The subscriber is notified by his Quack that a message is waiting for him; he may then call to get his message. This use is encouraged by the billing system approved by the Communications Ministry and Bezeq: the calling party pays for the call.

The duck theme was dreamed up by advertising execu-

tives who thought the typical "Jewish mother" would, like a mother duck, want to know where her "ducklings" are at all times. Beepakol, which is owned by Tadiran Communications and Haim Mar Ltd., expects the service will also be of use to business and sales people who want to receive messages without outside intervention.

VIRAL REPLICATION BY MAIL

Those annoying chain letters are a form of virus, infecting the minds of their recipients and multiplying with the energy of the common cold, according to a letter to the science journal *Nature*.

Richard Dawkins, an Oxford University geneticist and author, and Oliver Goodenough, of the Vermont Law School, insisted that chain letters fulfilled the definition of a biological virus. "A virus is a piece of code that promotes its own replication," they wrote. "Viruses are parasitic in that the energy and other costs of duplication are borne by the hosts and not by the virus."

Computer viruses do just this, they said, as do chain letters, which usually implore their recipients to copy them and send them on. The two men, quoted by Reuters, cited as an example the "St. Jude" chain letter, which claims to have been circulating since 1903. It promises good luck to those who copy it and bad luck to those who do not. "By inducing guilt, fear, greed and piety it causes susceptible hosts to multiply it 20-fold and transmit the 20 copies to new potential hosts through the postal vector," they said.

"Whether or not any particular infection is successful, St. Jude's hosts can suffer mental distress, as real in its own way as the physical distress caused by the common cold."

YA-BA-DA-BA-DOO!

The *Flintstones* movie has proved so popular that a computer company has adopted the prehistoric images for use as a "screen saver"; this device keeps images moving on the computer screen when it is turned on but not in use, so that stationary images do not "burn themselves" into the glass.

The Kalanit company says its *Flintstones* screen saver has funny images as well as sounds from the film. One can hear musical themes, the tunes whistled by the family bird, or the voice of the newspaper boy delivering the *Bedrock News*.

The NIS 182 program requires Windows 3.1 or above or Apple Macintosh 6.07 and above, 5 megabytes of memory on a hard disk and 3 megabytes RAM, as well as a 256-color screen. A sound card is recommended.

SILENT BEETHOVEN

Nerve-racked parents who can't stand hearing their progeny practicing a musical instrument at home have learned to buy earplugs that attach to electric mini-organs. Now Yamaha has developed a silent piano as well. The latest in keyboard technology, unveiled recently by the Japanese company, is a piano that only the player can hear.

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Rotten to the core

As the United Nations refugee commission pointed out recently, it seems sometimes that half of the world has unwillingly returned to nomadic life. In Asia, Africa, and the Caribbean, the helpless poor have taken to road and raft in search of safety, freedom, or a better life. Most of them have little chance of finding any of these things.

If the weekend accord between the United States and Cuba helped to stem some of this flood of hopelessness, it would be of some value. But at present, it looks more like a recipe for exchanging one form of misery for another - a bitter experience already known to the Haitian boat people who were making headlines six months ago. Those crowding the rocky shoreline of Havana yesterday, tacking driftwood, oil drums and rubber tires together in a last bid to flee before the deadline on their exodus expired, seemed further away from the decisions being made about their lives than they were from making it to Florida.

There is clearly something insane about the massed inhabitants of a potentially rich island paradise being forced to risk their lives and families on open seas and in refugee camps just to get out. Economically and socially, the phenomenon is as near to mass suicide as the refugees can get; they are hanging on to nothing but their lives. And there is something obscene in the fact that the world community, after so many lessons of history, has found no solution to the lust for power of such men as Fidel Castro - men incapable of admitting they are wrong, incapable of seeing the mass exodus of their countrymen as the ultimate in voting with one's feet.

The most ordinary person endowed with common sense can only wonder how men like Castro, or Saddam Hussein, or Haiti's Raoul Cedras, can stand atop the ruins of their own leadership and continue insisting that all they have created is good - or it would be, were it not for external conspiracies. Castro has confronted and outlasted eight US presidents so far and is currently engaged in a confrontation with a ninth.

This is not a product of Castro's strength, but his weakness - American citizens have the right to unseat presidents, and democratic leaders serve limited terms to prevent them becoming intoxicated with their own importance. Castro's grip on power for so long is simply a demonstration of his megalomania, his belief that only he knows how to run Cuba, his failure to see that Castro statues

in Cuba will soon go the way of those of Stalin in Russia and Ceausescu in Romania.

What may never be recorded is how many Cuban lives have been ruined by the continuity that Castro is so proud of. It has long been fashionable in American liberal circles to decry the "persecution" of Castro by successive administrations. Fed by the myth of the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion in 1962 and tales of nonsensical CIA plots to poison Castro, critics of American policy have wondered why a superpower hammer has been employed to swat an island fly.

But critics overlook the fact that Castro has made himself a superpower of intransigence. As *The New York Times* pointed out in a recent commentary: "Castro knew from the beginning that to be a great man he had to confront a great power." Castro chose the terms; now he must live with them and fall with them. President Clinton should maintain the consistency of American policy in dealing with those terms and make no further concessions.

Castro's bid to dictate how Washington should run its national immigration policy, like his previous attempt to send his country's criminals, insane, and unemployed to Florida, has been a cynical ploy to use helpless Cubans as a weapon against the United States. The true test of the US refusal to yield to Castro's petty blackmail comes from the attitude of Cuban exiles in America. They are people who have faced the open sea, lost family members and friends and struggled to make new lives in a foreign country rather than live at home in Castro's communist "paradise." There are few "liberals" among them when it comes to confronting Cuba. They are willing to accept the continued sufferings of those who try to flee and those who have to stay as the price to be paid for eventual liberty.

There are indications that this time, Castro has stretched his credibility too far. The unseemly scramble by tens of thousands of Cubans to leave the hell he has created is a memory that will outlast him. Nor is there an international Soviet-funded propaganda machine to put a Cold War gloss on the fiasco. Instead, US radio and television are holding a mirror up to Cuba's population to show them what they have become. It is no time for Washington to falter in maintaining the pressure on Castro. His regime is rotten to the core, and the day cannot be far off when the Cubans themselves will push it over the abyss.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GUNS IN THE US

Sir, - Whatever the merits of its position in favor of the recently de-tracked US crime bill, your editorial of August 14, "Gun crazy," contains a number of misunderstandings and/or misstatements:

Despite the *Post's* suggestion to the contrary, no "right to bear a defensive sidearm" appears in the US Constitution; there is, however, a right to "keep and bear arms." While the right to keep and bear arms has been much restricted by the US courts, no court has suggested that the arms referred to in the Constitution were "defensive sidearms." In any event, the distinction between a "defensive sidearm" and an offensive sidearm is not immediately obvious.

It is misleading for the editorial to focus exclusively on the "gun lobby" when discussing the defeat of the crime bill. For instance, many members of the Congressional Black Caucus voted against the bill because it would have increased punishment for certain crimes and expanded the scope of the federal death penalty.

It is disingenuous to refer only to the "coyness" of congressmen who receive support from the National Rifle Association. Whether they receive money from the National Rifle Association or the various anti-gun groups, politicians tend to be coy whenever it serves their objectives.

Statistically few deaths are caused by sophisticated, expensive and relatively hard-to-conceal assault rifles, and, in any event, there is no reason to believe that a person unable to purchase an assault rifle will not purchase an alternative, unbanished firearm. The real purpose of a ban on such weapons (recognized by both pro- and anti-gun lobbyists) is to begin - for better or worse - the process of substantially reducing the rights of US citizens to possess firearms. Because there is an ongoing debate concerning the political wisdom of attempting to disarm a public frightened of violent, and often unpunished, criminals, opposition to the crime bill on the basis of the assault

weapon ban was not, as suggested by the *Post*, limited to congressmen afraid of the "gun lobby," but included those representing districts distrustful of the president's ultimate objectives in this area.

Contrary to the *Post's* editorial, the president's "anger and frustration" (despite what he may say for political reasons) is unlikely to be directed at the largely conservative pro-gun forces in the Congress. Their opposition, based upon their, and their constituents', philosophical differences with the president and the Democratic majority, would have been expected. More likely to have raised the president's ire was the defection of his liberal anti-gun allies in Congress, who could not be persuaded to vote for a crime bill containing increased punishments.

The relationship between crime and the availability of firearms is a complex one. Whether the US crime problem is related to the presence of firearms in the hands of the public (compare Israel, where it sometimes seems as if every other person on the street is carrying a fully automatic assault rifle) or to the lack of societal restraint and/or individual discipline, is open to question - but that is another topic.

JAMES J. LINDSAY

Tel Aviv.

HAREDI VIEWS

Sir, - Like many other *Post* readers, I appreciate the paper's new political orientation as well as its policy of openness to opposing views in the op-ed columns.

Yet, one type of op-ed article apparently remains taboo for the *Post*. I refer to pieces that even remotely hint at something favorable in the haredi community.

IZVI AUSLANDER

Jerusalem.

TRANS-ISRAEL HIGHWAY

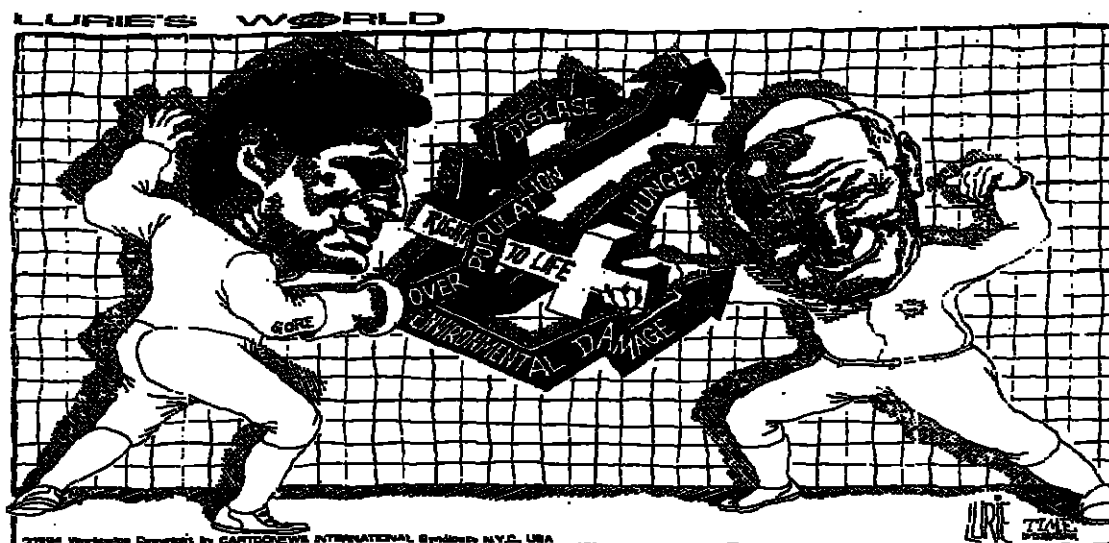
Sir, - I refer to your report of August 9, "Expert: Trans-Israel Highway a must for country's development." Dr. Ya'acov Sheinert, President of Economic Models Ltd., certainly makes a good president. He is an expert in promoting anything at any price that will help his company. However, while the Knesset Finance Committee sits mesmerized like rabbits before the glow of Dr. Sheinert's enthusiasm for development, let us take stock in a wider perspective of what he is actually promoting and the effects it will have.

Development along roads in the US and here differs in one small point, overlooked by supporters of this major project. In the US, once you leave the major highway with its bordering strips of development, you find miles of untouched landscapes. The US has a range of national parks on a scale and of a variety inconceivable here. In Israel, almost everything which appears untouched, on closer inspection reveals electricity wires, vehicle tracks, rubbish or something abandoned - all things which prevent the experience of wilderness and solitude. The idea of a major highway cutting through the desert, bordered by petrol stations, billboards, restaurants with neon signs, hotels in shapes of ever-increasing extremism, horrifies any thinking person to his soul. Can one imagine the amount of rubbish such establishments will generate, which, of course, would have only one place to go - out back, to blow around and make the pristine ugly.

Why do we have to accept the notion that, if it is OK for another country, it is OK here? What about considering less intrusive, more economical forms of transport, such as fast trains? The Knesset Committee should think again before taking seriously the narrow expertise of its consultant and ruining the country in the process.

MARGARET GOTTSTEIN

Jerusalem.



Duelling with impressive arguments

Iran and irrational rage

STEVEN EMERSON

OVER the past decade, according to figures compiled by European intelligence, Iran has been responsible for killing or wounding more than 100 Iranian dissidents, foreign nationals, journalists and other designated "enemies."

To list just a handful of attacks: • July 1991, Tokyo: The Japanese translator of Salman Rushdie's book *The Satanic Verses* was stabbed to death in Japan. His Italian counterpart, stabbed 10 days earlier, survived the attack. • August 1991, Paris: Former Iranian leader Shapur Bakhtiari, despite being under heavy French guard 24 hours a day in a safe house outside Paris, had his throat slit. The perpetrators were Iranians.

• September 1992, Berlin: Two gunmen burst into the backroom of a restaurant called Mykonos and sprayed the eight men having dinner with bullets. The guests were senior officials of the Democratic Party of Iranian Kurdistan. Four of them died on the spot. Shortly after, German authorities arrested two Lebanese Hizbullah operatives who had been directly recruited to carry out the carnage.

German authorities subsequently learned that an Iranian cleric named Kazem Darabi, who had been living in Germany for several years, had provided the weapons, money and safe houses for the killer. He had arranged the terrorist killings in meetings held at a Berlin mosque. Later, it was found that Darabi had been acting under the direct orders of Iranian diplomats.

• 1992 and 1993, Turkey: Iranian-trained hit squads killed several popular Turkish journalists, Iranian dissidents and an Israeli security officer, and attempted to kill a leader of the Turkish Jewish community. Turkish police found that the perpetrators were trained in Teheran.

• Spring 1994, Bangkok: A booby-trapped car filled with the same type of nitrate-based explosive used in the bombing of the World Trade Center was found a short distance from the Israeli and American embassies in Bangkok. The car was found hours before the bomb was set to go off. Weeks later, several Iranians were arrested by Thai police, which had found links to the attempted bombing. But they were soon released.

Iranian officials have told Western interviewers that they had nothing to do with these strings of murders. But we should listen to what they say among themselves. In an extraordinary interview

on Iranian television in August 1992, Ali Fallahian, head of the Iranian Ministry of Intelligence, openly took credit for killing opponents abroad. "Our services follow members of these groups abroad... [and have been responsible for] blows delivered to the opposition groups outside the country," he said. Fallahian even admitted that Iran operates an extensive espionage operation in

Countries will need to work together to stop their civilians falling victim to radical Islamic groups

other countries. "In some countries, we have spies in the highest level of leadership."

Iran often networks with other radical Islamic groups. Hamas has a full-time representative in Teheran, has received millions of dollars from the mullahs and used Iran as a meeting ground for top-level conferences. Iran has an even closer alliance with the Islamic Jihad, Far'hi Shiqqi, head of one of six Islamic Jihad factions, has openly admitted receiving funds and training from Iran in his war against the "Western-Zionist-Crusaders." In 1993, he openly advocated that Iran resume its abduction of American hostages.

ISRAEL HAS declared it will avenge the attacks in Buenos Aires and London. But it cannot be the only country to try and deter this type of attack. No matter what Israel does, it alone will not be able to shut down the worldwide network of radical Islamic terror.

This, if at all possible, can only come about through the offices of the US Secretary of State Warren Christopher recently said that Hizbullah and Iran "must be contained" and criticized countries that continue to trade with Iran.

But isolating Iran is still not enough. Hizbullah's main training bases are located in Lebanon's Bekaa valley, under the total sovereignty of Syria. Much of its weaponry is sent through Damascus by air, then by truck convoy through Syrian military lines.

Syria uses Hizbullah to attack Israeli targets in the south as an appendage of its foreign policy, believing such attacks pressure Israel while allowing Syria to deny involvement in terror. The charade works because the West goes along with it.

Today, Lebanon is the largest geographical terrorist base in the world, thanks to Syria. Although there is no evidence that Syria approves of the attacks in Argentina or Britain, Syrian complicity cannot be removed. As the guarantor of Lebanon, Syria cannot avoid responsibility for the operations of a terror group it sustains and protects.

Ironically, many Mideast terror groups have established political and financial headquarters right in the US.

Some Western security officials with whom I spoke recently believe that terror bombings such as those in London and Buenos Aires in July can be "contained" to Jewish and Israeli targets. Not only is such a distinction invidious; it is only a matter of time before the ideology driving these attacks escalates into attacks on "non-Middle Eastern" targets.

The notion that "peace" in the Middle East will assuage radical Islamic groups or that some form of Western reconciliation is possible with radical Islamic groups is woefully mistaken. Hizbullah's and Iran's argument with Israel isn't over specific Israeli acts. The terrorist causes of the bombings in Argentina and England cannot be rationally dealt with any more than the death threat against Salman Rushdie can be revoked by appeasing the radical fundamentalists making the threat.

These bombings should finally force the West to wake up to the new battlefield it is facing in an era of unalterably violent rage directed against Western, Jewish and Christian interests and against moderate Muslims. Coupled with the bombing of the World Trade Center last year, these recent bombings show that radical Islamic militants have now taken their battle from their homelands into the heart of enemy territory - the West.

It will require concerted international action - a coordination of intelligence, asylum, security procedures and immigration policies - if countries are to protect civilians from increasingly becoming the new frontline in an unfolding wave of terror.

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In the name of security

YOHANAN RAMATI

no longer possible."

Meanwhile, Iranian statesmen announce that Iran supports the peace process with Syria if it gives Assad what he wants, i.e. the Golan in return for no lasting peace.

The public's been brainwashed. Our leaders are scared. And the Arabs talk peace and plan war

RABIN AND PERES may or may not be thinking about a Nobel Peace Prize. But they are certainly ignoring the spit on their faces from Arafat and Assad. Rabin has lied to the public about everything from foreign policy to the tax on stock exchange transactions. Worse, he and Peres have shown themselves utterly devoid of personal or national self-respect.

The world watches. The Western democracies, whose declared policies aim to return Israel to its pre-1967 borders, need their Arab markets and basically don't care very much whether Israel survives or not. So they will try to shore up the public image of Rabin and Peres.

But most Israeli soldiers know that the politicians leading our

country are pandering to the enemy because they are scared, and it doesn't improve their morale. Arab leaders and opinion makers know it too, and are preparing for war even as they talk about peace.

Since Rabin took office, Israeli television news programs and commentaries - totally dominated by directors, editors, reporters and commentators who support his government and its policies - divided available time roughly as follows: 65 percent: members of the government, government supporters and commentators with pro-government views; 5 percent: foreign politicians who prefer the left to be in power in Israel and foreign commentators of similar views; 20 percent: Arab leaders, their supporters and Palestinian Arabs; 10 percent: opposition spokesmen and supporters.

Commentators with anti-government views have been conspicuous by their absence. Pro-government commentators are presented as impartial.

The brainwashing of the public has been thorough, and its objective has been to promote concessions to the PLO and Syria in the name of peace, on the principle that "peace is the best guarantee of security."

It is not. Nor is money and prosperity, as every world power in history that waxed fat and corrupt and was destroyed by lean and poor nations still ready to fight has learned to its cost.

The writer is chairman of the Jerusalem Institute for Western Defense.

Honest talk

JOYCE GABRIEL

'CONVERSATION between two consenting adults is a good thing,' writer and humorist Peg Bracken once wrote.

It was her way of saying that the most intimate thing a man and woman can do together may not be sex; that communication is what really joins their souls.

Certainly, the great loves of literature - from Romeo and Juliet to Abelard and Heloise - always had soulful exchanges.

But can real and true conversation between men and women survive marriage or a long relationship? Can it exist within couples where there isn't at least a semblance of equality?

I was talking to a friend the other day, commenting on a dinner party we'd both attended. She

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remarked that the conversation had been much more animated, broader and equal among the sexes - three men and three women - than at many such dinner parties in her affluent suburban town, where often the women don't work outside or inside the home. They look after their children with the help of a nanny, she said, adding, the best sale on designer dresses at the local chic shop will be a focal point of their conversations.

The women will talk together about shopping or fashions or local gossip, while the men will talk about the market (stock, not super) or investment banking, or their golf game.

At this dinner party, all six people had careers that engaged them; the exchange was equal, far-reaching and global - from the effects of interactive electronic media on the young to the rules of punishment in countries like Indonesia, as contrasted to the US.

There was inter- and intra-couple conversation. The opinions had no gender, and the talk had the rhythm of a well-played tennis match, with the conversational ball going back and forth without interruption.

"These relationships seem more equal," my friend said.

"Equal is always better," I agreed.

"But having an equal relationship is harder," she said.

AND SHE'S right: You have to fight more battles, raise more issues, break through old stereotypes.

"But that makes the relationships more real," I replied. Like any true friendship, a relationship between a man and woman needs to be based on equality, mutual regard and respect.

In relationships where, rightly or wrongly, the man is viewed as a doer or producer and the woman as a consumer, both parties act true to type; the resulting conversation is about as real as country club chatter, and as stimulating.

When the girls are relegated to "girl talk," and the boys are relegated to shop talk or sports talk, whatever is taking place is not genuine conversation; it is noise that fills time.

The discerning party-goer can tell in a matter of minutes what kind of social event he or she is at by the level of the conversation, and by the willingness of those attending the party to "get real," to reveal any part of themselves, their values or their interests.

People who are at ease with themselves move into these situations looking to share information and exchange views.

The dinner party my friend and I had attended was an excellent example of three couples getting together and having lively conversation, even though some of us had never met before.

There was intelligence, curiosity, humor, perspective, knowledge - the kinds of ingredients that make for a great conversational mix. No one was shy. And no one was boss.

It is in finding our way through the forms and into the substance of relationships - from marriages to friendships - that we elevate commonplace events into significant ones.

Just the previous night, we had seen another couple, good friends, and within 10 minutes of greeting each other, they were telling us about a sea change in their lives. They no longer wanted to devote 14 hours a day to their respective careers; they needed more time for each other.

There was no pretense or artifice on their side, no embarrassment on ours; just an exchange among equals of things that were really important to us.

Honest conversation among equals can set you free.

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The Threat From Iran

Washington - Ali Akbar Parvaraschi, an Iranian parliamentary leader and an intimate of the mullahs who control Tehran's ruling fundamentalist regime, went to Argentina last December to put the finishing touches on an anti-Jewish terror network run by radical Shiite Moslems living there.

This was the iceberg tip of Tehran-based terrorism that struck Israel's embassy and a second target in London and a Jewish complex in Buenos Aires this summer. It will surely strike soon again. Key U.S. officials say privately that Iran's apparent sponsorship of anti-Jewish terror requires a powerful Western response not unlike

dercover operatives caught three times exporting weapons-grade uranium and plutonium to Germany, escalation to small nuclear explosives could be the next step. But no coalition has formed against the mullahs' regime. Japan continues to finance Iranian dams, Russia angles for profitable arms sales and European businessmen pursue commercial relations with Tehran that keep the economically tottering revolutionary state out of bankruptcy.

According to one top Clinton administration official, U.S. refineries are now buying up to half a billion dollars of Iranian oil a year, which is illegal without a li-

"The dead and wounded in London and Buenos Aires this summer, added to the casualties of the 1992 bombing of Israel's embassy in Argentina, total 581. By comparison total American casualties in the Gulf War were 857."

United Nations sanction against Iraq.

Only the United States could manage that. But so far, the attitude from Washington and other capitals of the 1991 Desert Storm coalition is ambivalence and distraction.

All the Parvaraschi is an elected politician and lieutenant of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's tough spiritual leader. Other mullahs and Revolutionary Guard operatives have visited Argentina in the recent past to organize the anti-Jewish terror network and plan terrorist acts.

Similar rings, guided by Iranian embassy staffers holding innocent-sounding jobs, may soon show themselves in other countries. In Buenos Aires, the Iranian consular affairs and financial officer, named Nowzari, was a member of the Revolutionary Guards in Iran before being posted to Argentina. The economic attaché, named Zanganeh, has had extensive contacts with the Iranian-run Hezbollah, headquartered in Lebanon. Long after 1983, when the Hezbollah blew up the U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut, Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani proclaimed: "No one but the Islamic Republic of Iran has done this."

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With politicians in Washington talking incessantly about the proper foreign policy role of the United States following the Cold War, Iran's anti-Jewish campaign seems made to order as a place to start. The terrorist weapon of choice so far is dynamite, but with Russia widely suspected of selling arms to Tehran and with un-

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MY TEACHERS TAUGHT ME AS IF I WAS INVISIBLE.
MY BOY-FRIENDS TREATED ME AS IF I WAS INVISIBLE.
SO I WENT INTO THERAPY FOR HELP.
THE THERAPIST SAID SHE COULDN'T SEE ANYTHING WRONG WITH ME.

SO FINALLY I THOUGHT: MAYBE IT'S JUST A MAKE-UP PROBLEM.
SO I BOUGHT A BLOOD WIG, MASCARA AND BLOOD-RED LIP STICK.
AND THE VERY FIRST TIME I PUT IT ON I MET THE MAN OF MY DREAMS.
ME AND WHATZISFACE GET MARRIED NEXT WEEK.



Alan Dershowitz

The New Day of the Jackal

The capture of "Carlos the Jackal" — Ilich Ramirez Sanchez — by French authorities may mark the beginning of a new career for the notorious terrorist. Now that his governmental sponsors have abandoned him, Sanchez may well do what others in his position have done: barter the valuable information he will claim he now has for something he now desperately needs. That something is his own life.

It is an open secret that his former sponsors now want the Jackal dead. They fear that he will place them on trial for his terrorist acts. Sanchez poses the greatest threat to those terrorist states which are now seeking American support in the face of the breakup of the Soviet Union, including Syria, the Sudan, and Libya. These countries do not know for sure whether Sanchez will turn switch, but they cannot take the chance, so they will probably order a hit on their former darling. Prison assassinations are not difficult to carry off by terrorist nations — unless the captor nation takes special precautions.

Sanchez, for his part, cannot know for sure whether or not his former sponsors will order a hit, even if he has no current intention of ratting on them. So he may have to take the safe course of seeking the help of his current captors, the French, by cooperating with them in order to secure protection. Indeed, French intelligence sources may deliberately spread rumors that Sanchez is cooperating — even if he is not — so that his sponsors will take out a contract on him and he will then have no choice but to cooperate in exchange for protection. This is the sort of cycle of fear and uncertainty generated by intelligence agencies that turns fearless terrorists and hit men into meek government witnesses willing to sing whatever tune they believe will please their captors.

The real question is whether France actually wants Sanchez's cooperation. The French government is well known for elevating its own self-interests in protecting its citizens and enhancing its own economic advantages over the needs of the international community in preventing terrorism throughout the world. France has repeatedly made its own separate deals with international terrorists and the governments which sponsor them. Indeed, it was recently reported that French intelligence operatives have been holding secret talks with Iran about the possibility of releasing Iranian terrorists in exchange for French im-

munity from future terrorism, and France is reportedly in the process of making deals with the Sudan and Syria.

It is entirely possible therefore that French authorities would prefer not to know — or at least not let their citizens know — who the Jackal's actual sponsors have been over the years. Such information, if made public, would make it more difficult for the French government to pursue its cynical policy of protecting only its own interests at the expense of the rest of the civilized world. Sanchez is probably aware of this reality, and if he is not, his new lawyer — Jacques Verges, a former Communist who represented Nazi criminal Klaus Barbi — certainly is, since Verges has extensive experience in the murky world of radicalism, terrorism, and cynicism.

The Jackal's awareness of how the French operate in the international arena may well induce him to give the French authorities what they want to hear — whether it is true or false. There is, of course, no reason to believe anything Sanchez says, unless it is independently confirmed. He boasts responsibility for the murder of 83 people, though experts doubt his claims. He is capable of concocting far-fetched tales incul-

pating countries that France doesn't care about and exculpating countries with which it is seeking to curry favor.

The bottom line is that the second day of the Jackal is upon us. Sanchez became a star terrorist in the '70s and '80s with the support of radical governments. Now that he has been abandoned by these governments, he may seek to become a star witness in the '90s. His motives are suspect. His credibility is weak. His information is probably stale. His terrorism was done primarily at the behest of left-wing radicals. Today's terrorism is done largely by right-wing fundamentalists. But these fundamentalists are seeking weapons — including nuclear weapons — from old out-of-work radicals as evidenced by the recent flow of plutonium from the old Soviet Union. Sanchez may have some useful information about this new mega-threat.

Convincing the French authorities of his usefulness to them may be Sanchez's only hope of survival. And one thing is certain about the Jackal: he prides himself on his survival skills. Indeed, he told the judge, "I am still alive and for a long time to come." That may depend on what he has to offer the French authorities.

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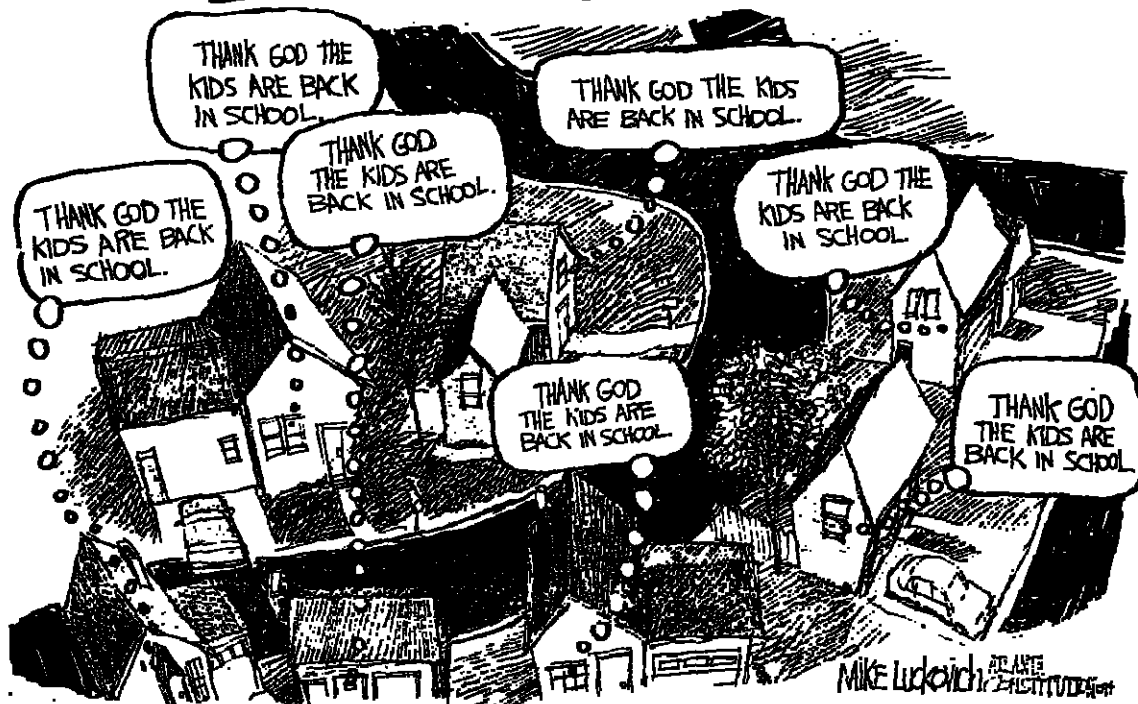
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DAILY AFFIRMATION



MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AT BEGINNING OF CLASS.



Ray Hartmann

Don't Fiddle With Fidel



Fidel Castro is working on his ninth U.S. president now. He seems to have gotten the hang of it. Just when Castro seemed ready for the Wax Museum of Unamericana, here he is again on the world stage, playing Bill Clinton like a fiddle. Castro has been dealing with guys in Clinton's position since Clinton was a 12-year-old lad in Arkansas, and it shows.

No doubt, these are troubled times for Castro. Thousands of rioters on the Havana waterfront a few weeks ago underscored his political woes, which have worsened along with Cuba's economic crisis. It is astounding that Castro has survived this long in the wake of the collapse of the Soviet Union and the ensuing hardship of Russia, Cuba's key benefactor. When worldwide Communism died, it was presumed that Fidel would go with it. Instead, he hangs on, further cementing his place (like him or not) as one of the amazing figures of the 20th century. With his back against the wall, Castro unleashed a human missile attack on American shores, sending a flood of refugees to which the U.S. would have to respond.

Fidel Castro's mama didn't raise a dummy. In light of the racist and inhumane treatment of Haitian refugees that has continued in the Clinton administration, it would have been political dynamite in the black community (and elsewhere) for the president to carry on simultaneously the 28-year-old double standard of special treatment for Cuban refugees.

Thus the administration had little choice to intercept the refugees and plant them (with no small degree of irony) at the U.S. base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. This, in turn, outraged the powerful anti-Castro forces — especially in Florida, where Democratic Gov. Lawton Chiles, a Clinton ally, is struggling for re-election — further prompting Clinton to do his best Ronald Reagan impersonation in a broadside attack on Castro that stopped barely short of a declaration of war.

This was a big mistake, for at least five reasons.

First, Clinton does a terrible Reagan, especially in foreign policy. One day after chief of staff Leon Panetta darkly suggested (on Sunday talk TV) the horrendous idea of a military blockade of Cuba, the administration sent out an undersecretary of state to waffle that "a blockade as such is not presently being contemplated."

Reagan may have been awful, but he didn't flop around like a freshly reeled fish. The principal criticism of Clinton (and the fairest) is that he is appallingly inconsistent in foreign affairs, and the bobbing and weaving with Castro is merely the most recent example of this glaring weakness.

Second, and substantively most important, Clinton is apparently Kblowing — for political reasons — a historic opportunity

to end the nation's 35-year Cold War with Castro's Cuba. The rest of the Cold War is presumably over, and Clinton has been working (arguably to a fault) to use trade and other diplomatic means to lessen the isolation and hostility of the likes of China, Vietnam and even North Korea.

By no objective standard can Castro's regime be deemed as brutally repressive as these and others to which Clinton is reaching out. Nor can Cuba any longer be viewed as a significant threat to U.S. security.

This is unquestionably a time to use Castro's economic weakness to America's diplomatic advantage. For the first time in his reign, he needs the help of the West, and if the U.S. is serious about using its influence to further democracy, a window of opportunity exists to effect meaningful reforms in Cuba.

A third problem with Clinton's macho approach to Castro is that it not only further isolates the Cuban leader, but also strengthens him. No dictator on the planet is better than Fidel Castro at mobilizing anti-American sentiment, and Clinton's verbal and symbolic assaults give him a renewed reason for being.

The United Nations voted as recently as last year to condemn the embargo against Cuba — one can only imagine the indignation that a U.S. blockade would elicit — so continued American efforts to settle old scores with Castro would likely raise his esteem in the arena of world opinion.

A fourth reason that Clinton shouldn't be attacking Castro is that he is hurting the very people whom he presumably is trying to help. Starving Cubans are hardly a surefire strategy for getting rid of Castro, and even if it were, the U.S. doesn't have a clue about what it would be getting as a replacement.

Clinton's prohibition on Americans sending money to their loved ones in Cuba is cruel to the recipients and smacks of totalitarianism in any case. It is a terrible idea.

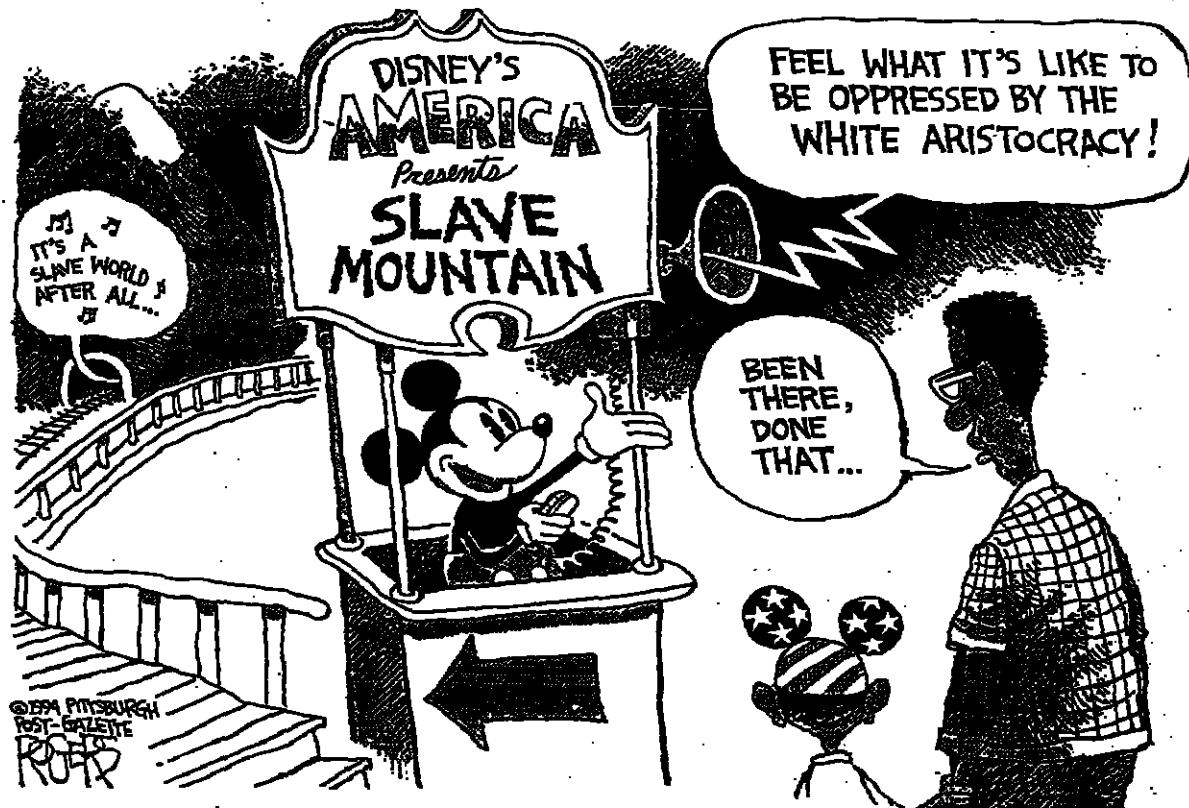
Finally, but by no means least of all, Clinton's private war with Castro is extremely ill timed. Yes, the Cuban leader presented him with a difficult immigration challenge, but it could have been diffused without Clinton broadening it into another Cuban crisis.

Clinton faces a crucial juncture for his health-care plan, which should be receiving what he once called "laserlike" focus, and for the crime bill, which, although less compelling, holds political importance for Democrats in November. This is no time to be messing with Cuba.

Fidel Castro is no one to be trifled with. Everyone says, "He has to die sometime," but Clinton may well be breathing new life into his regime.

At this rate, Fidel may be around for a few more presidents.

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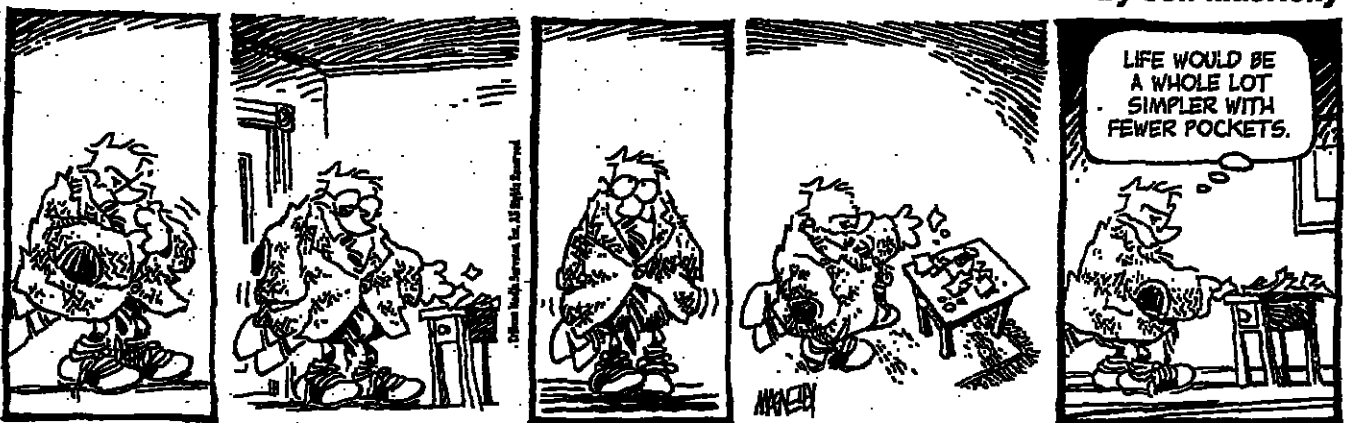
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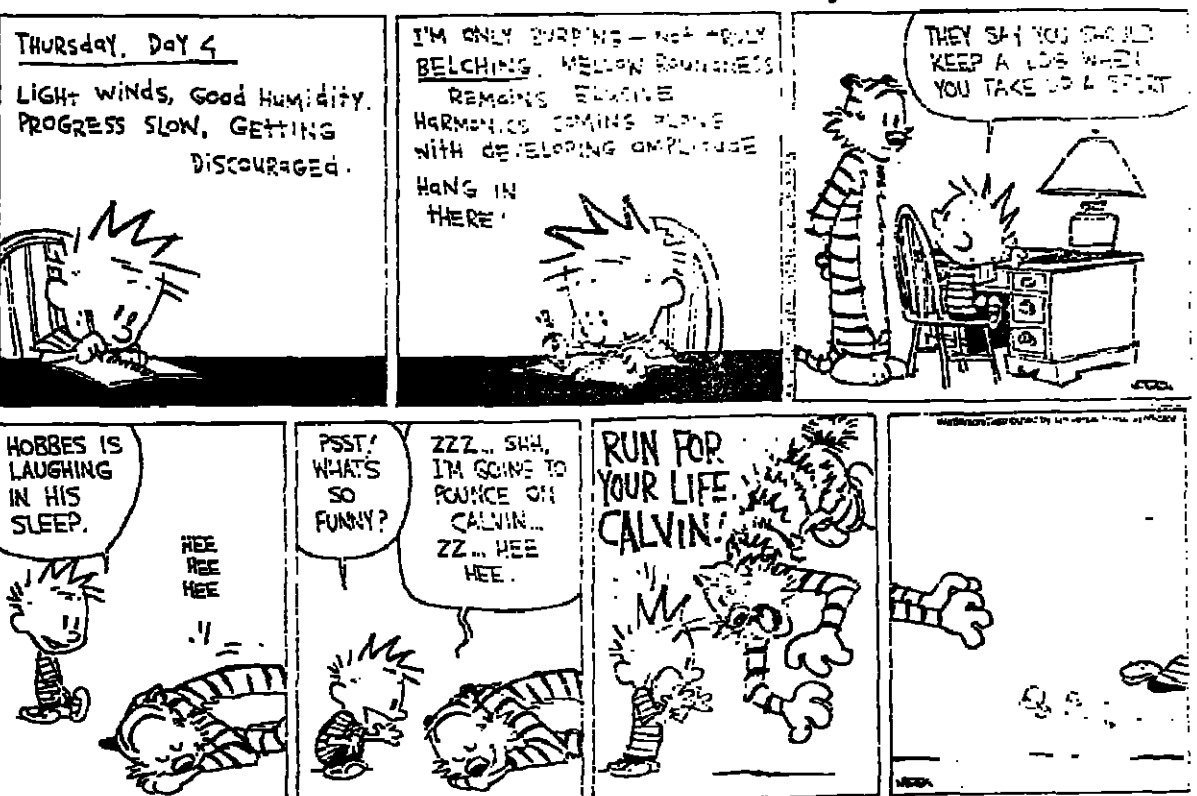
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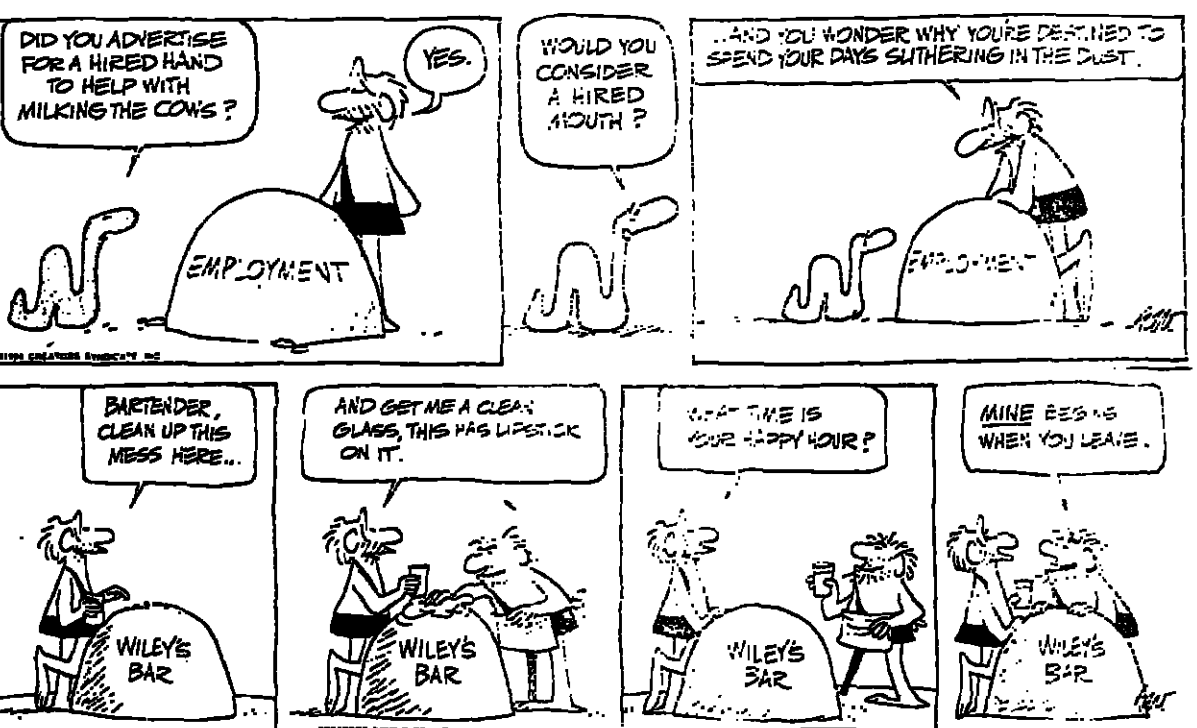
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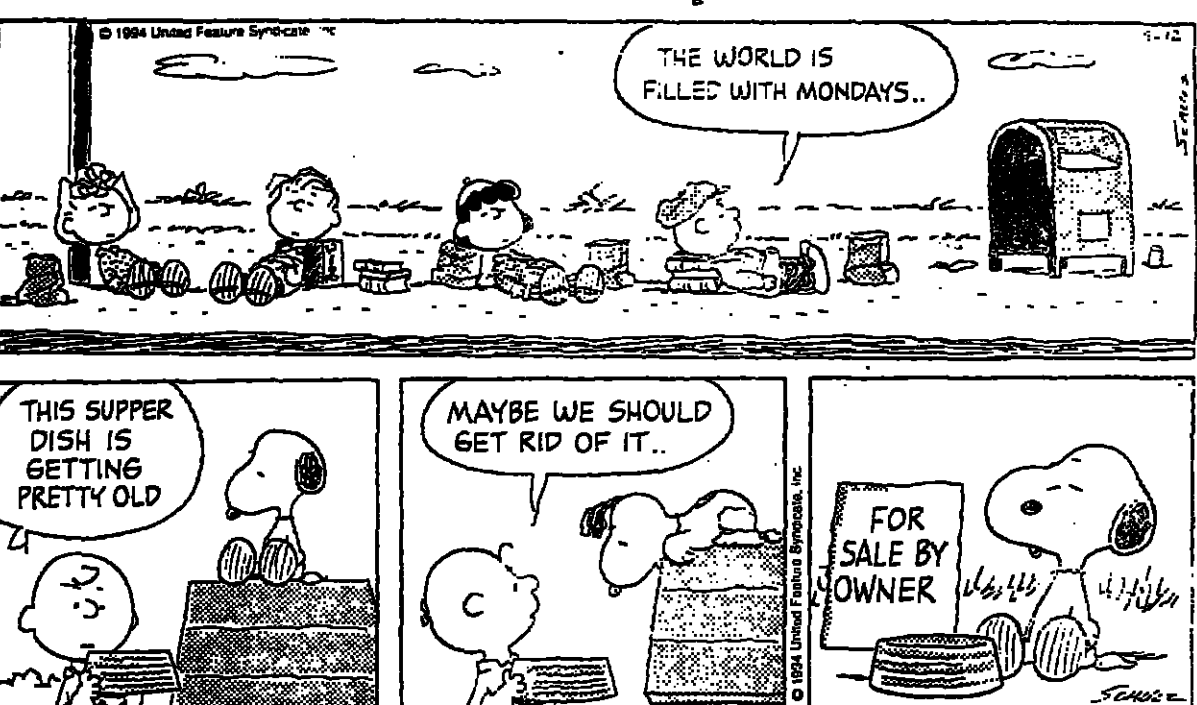
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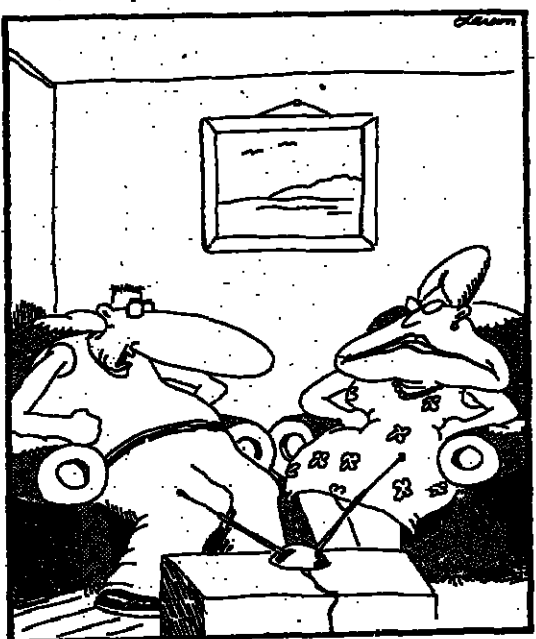
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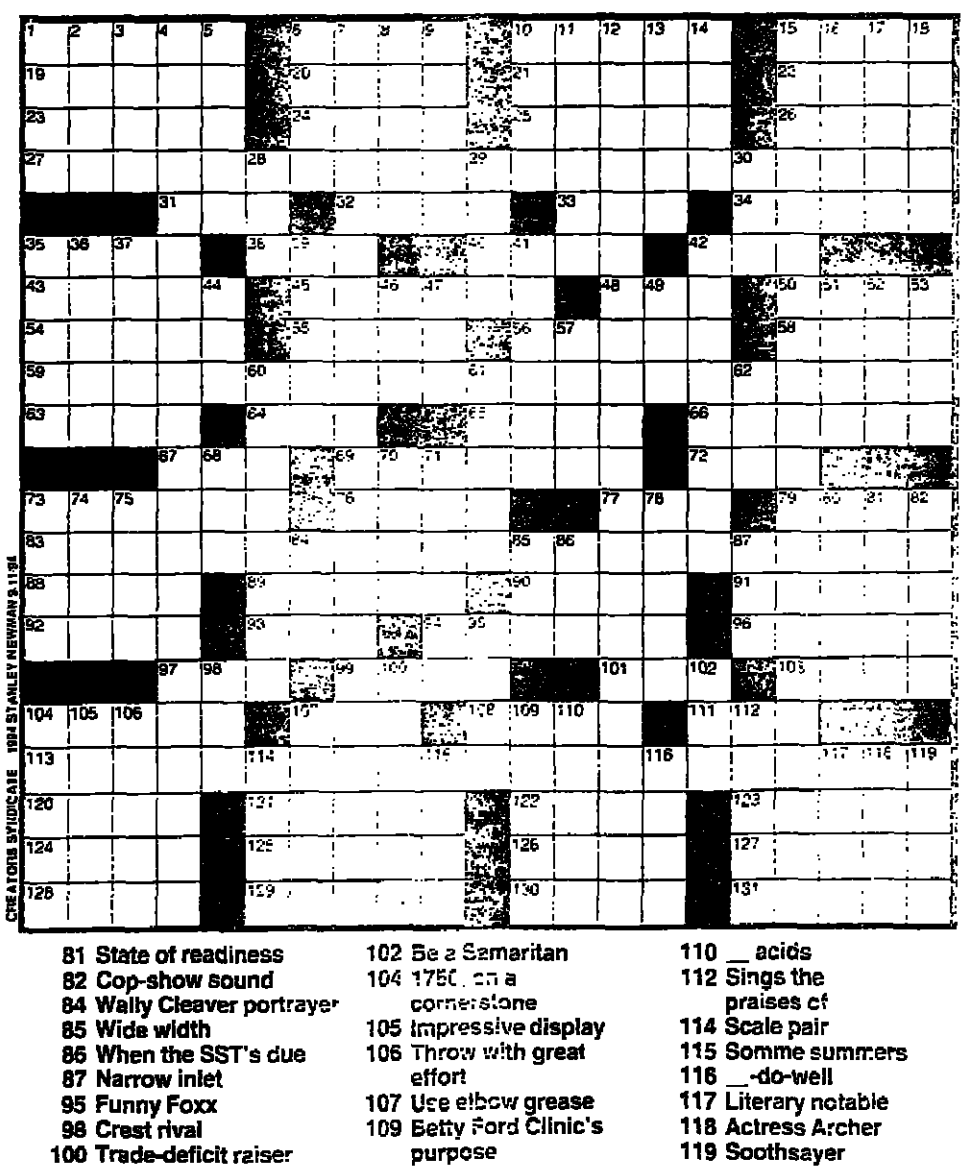
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QUOTE CRYPTOGRAM by Rebecca Kornbluh

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Last Week's Quote Cryptogram: If you become a star, you don't change, everybody else does — Kirk Douglas

A child's remembrance of a Palestine past

His trip to Palestine 70 years ago included photographing the king of Transjordan, Milton Marwil reminisces

SEVENTY years ago I was a short teenager visiting Palestine with my parents.

Both my father and mother were stalwart Zionists. My maternal grandfather had taken his family from Kalamazoo, Michigan, to Eretz Yisrael in 1899 for a year, most of it spent in Safed.

On this trip, my little sister and I accompanied our parents through Western Europe and our ultimate destination, Palestine.

My father had been chairman of the Keren Hayesod (early fundraiser for the World Zionist Organization) in Detroit. He raised substantial sums at a time when Jews were more interested in Americanization than in Zionism.

The British, I believe, had built a military railroad from the Suez Canal to Jerusalem during the First World War. We traveled those tracks all night through the desert, arriving early the following morning.

My first glimpse of Jerusalem was from the station in the Valley of Hinnom, looking up to Mt. Zion.

My view of the ramparts of the walled city was unobstructed, except for Sir Moses Montefiore's windmill and Herod's tomb. No King David Hotel, no YMCA tower — just a road wound its way over the sand and stones from the station to Jaffa Gate.

The jewel of the Jewish world was mine in a glance. The great granite blocks of the bastion rose like a cliff from the sea. My wonderment lay unarticulated for years until I read Keats's "On First Looking Into Chapman's Homer" and its description of how the explorer perceives the vast horizon.

Two gentlemen from the Jewish Agency escorted us, via horse and carriage, to Amdursky's Hotel, then the city's only Jewish hotel. A two-story box of native stone, the hotel was just above some shops inside Jaffa Gate, across the street from David's Citadel. The place today is an Arab hotel.

My father's travel diary notes that on Friday, December 19, 1924, room and meals for four came to \$21.

MY MOST vivid memory of Jerusalem took place in Amdursky's Hotel one late December afternoon. Among the guests was a party from India: the matriarch of the Calcutta branch of the Sassoon family with her daughter, son-in-law Sir David Ezra and two grandchildren. They were five members of an entourage of 19 or 20 — the usual retinue of personal servants plus a rabbi, an inspector to supervise kosher and cooks.

Amdursky's was a kosher establishment, but presumably not strict enough, as this party carried its own dishes and cooking utensils, and their meat meals were tethered under the outside stairway in the form of noisy lambs and chickens.

The Sassoon party scheduled its meals at a different time than other guests, although the large dining room was big enough for everyone and occasionally served as a ballroom. Though the Sassoon grandchildren were near in age to my sister and myself, they were occupied exclusively with their tutor and parents. I didn't seem much of them, but I had an unforgettable glimpse of their grandmother.

That afternoon the lounge with its oriental furnishings was set aside for the Sassoons, the rest of the guests keeping politely to their rooms or the foyer.

A delegation of six rabbis with long white beards and earlocks arrived with some aides. My father said they were worthy scholars from the local yeshivot.

I peeked in and saw the old lady sitting in a great chair at the head of a long table. Her son-in-law was seated to her right and her personal rabbi on her left. The visiting rabbis sat on either side in two rows; the aides were at the bottom of the board.

The matriarch was leading a discussion with the rabbis, as they sipped tea from her china cups. I could not hear whether she addressed the rabbis in Hebrew or English, or Yiddish or Ladino for that matter, but they all leaned toward her as if she were a magnet.

She was an impressive-looking woman with large gray eyes and very dark skin.

The rabbis departed two hours later, bowing to her one at a time. Such deference is usually given to a benefactor, but in this case, my father explained later, these rabbis came to pay their respects for her learning and listen to her discourse on the Talmud.

She was known in the Jewish religious world as a scholar, as a great female Talmudist.

ONE OF the entries in my father's journal of our trip says: "I spent an hour with Agonsky at the Zionist Bureau." The following Saturday notes that "[I] called on the Agonskys for tea in P.M."

Surely this was Gershon Agonsky, who later founded The Palestine Post, which became The Jerusalem Post.

I remember going with my father to visit Rabbi Abraham Hachohen Kook, the Ashkenazi chief rabbi of Palestine. I can't remember whether this was in the Hurva synagogue or a separate study, but the benign impression made by the illustrious scholar is still with me.

He frequently turned to me as he talked with my father, as if to include me in the conversation. Several times he spoke to me directly with questions and observations of interest to a boy.

Few other adults had paid me much attention. Such graciousness to a child is a memory that has lasted all my life.

Another adult who gave me equal attention was a young man I met on my own. He rode by the hotel daily on horseback, a resplendent figure in khaki uniform, polished boots and a Sam Browne belt. His black caracul fez was common to the constabulary of the Near East and had a small badge pinned in front.

His mount was a high-stepping white saddle horse. One of my photographs labels him "Chief of Police of Jerusalem," but I suspect he was head of the Jewish policemen who, with the Arab contingent, made up the city's forces under the supervision of the British. The horse brought us together: Words were exchanged between a good-hearted man and an admiring boy.

My horseman friend was on duty the day the king of Transjordan, Abdullah Ibn Hussein, came to Jerusalem and crossed the square in front of the hotel to his car. Maybe my friend was guarding the monarch, as I don't recall any escort other than the king's chauffeur.

To my delight, my friend asked the king if I could take a photograph. Abdullah was gracious and stood for a moment at the side of his car in the full regalia of an Arab chieftain. Unfortunately, the day was overcast and the picture didn't come out.

MY FATHER'S journal entry for the automobile trip from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv notes the drive took two hours and cost \$8.00.

We lodged at Moscovitz's Pension, and one of the guests was Pinchas Rutenberg, the engineer who founded the Palestine Electric Co.

He left early every morning to oversee the power plant he was erecting north of Tel Aviv and came back late in the evening to have dinner by himself in the dining room.

The population of the city in 1924 may have been upwards of 15,000, but paved streets were scarce, and institutional life was elementary.

One afternoon I left the pension just east of the railroad tracks on the edge of town and walked the few blocks to the Mediterranean.

The town seemed to slip unexpectedly into the sand. I scuffed along the water's edge toward Jaffa, my eyes mainly on the sea, but in the distance a black-and-white



Jerusalem's chief of police poses next to his horse, in 1924.

knot of people stood high up on the strand. As I approached, they revealed themselves to be ritual slaughterers in long white blood-stained coats. They were slaughtering beef right on the beach.

The blood sank into the sand and ran in purple rivulets to the sea. Live cattle were mooing dreadfully in a makeshift pen. I turned abruptly and escaped.

My single recollection of a negative episode during this tour was our trip to Hebron to visit Machpela Cave, the tomb of our patriarchs and patriarchs. There was a

dingy building and a stairway to the tombs above. We had visited cathedrals in Europe, and the churches of the Holy Sepulchre and Nativity, and expected the same courtesy to tourists.

We were told non-Moslems were allowed to ascend only to the seventh step.

My family stood on the bottom steps while I went up to the seventh and faced an old Arab standing above me.

I lived in the callow world of inquiry and experiment and raised my foot in place. A blast of mean-

ingless language and an outstretched arm and finger pointing at my shoe literally hurled me back to the floor.

I was frightened and angry because I was not permitted to see the tombs of my own ancestors in my ancient country.

I was old enough to be perplexed by the lack of ecumenical essence in the Moslem religion.

Palestine then was just a backwater in Jewish demographics. In 80 years plus, I have seen the Zionist dream become a populous, bustling, vibrant reality.

Wolves in the tomato patch

HEADS 'N' TAILS

DVORA BEN SHAUL

NOW that the new year is here, we try to clear away as much unanswered correspondence as we can. If the problem a reader writes about is a general one, it gets answered in this column. Other queries are answered personally if the reader sends a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Two letters that arrived recently are particularly interesting. One is from a reader who wants to know if commercial kibbles is a suitable diet for a dog. The second asks if it's true that dogs eat grass to clean their stomachs.

A good commercial kibble usually provides a pretty well-balanced diet, probably better than one of leftovers only. But kibble is monotonous and most dogs let you know it. Also, if a dog eats only one particular food and suddenly you are in a situation where the animal must get by for a few days on whatever is available, then both you and your dog have a problem. For that reason I advocate feeding a basic kibble ration supplemented by a few leftovers.

As for eating grass, most carnivores do eat grass and other vegetable material. Wolves in the Arava have been seen raiding a tomato patch, hyenas in the Judean desert have been found eating melons, and I have known many a dog that loved certain fruits and vegetables; my small canine would "sell her soul" for a segment of a tangerine or the meat of a walnut. We don't know exactly what function grass-eating performs; but since in most cases the dog eats fresh grass and then vomits it up, it certainly would seem that this is a cleaning process.

ANOTHER reader writes about her cat, a spayed female over a year old. She says the cat gets a steady and adequate diet of meat, fish and chicken, but despite this it hunts birds whenever it is outside.

The owner has tried everything: feeding the cat just before it goes out, and even the traditional preventive of putting a bell on it to warn the birds. No matter what she does, she is faced daily with the evidence of mangled songbirds which the cat doesn't usually even eat. The situation is so bad that the bird bath has been removed since it was simply a death-trap for birds.

This is a real problem, and I am afraid that I have no answer to it. Recent genetic studies have confirmed what many zoologists have long suspected: the hunting instinct in cats is a completely inherited characteristic, and just as you cannot teach a cat without the proper genetic makeup to hunt, you can't teach a cat with strong hunting instincts to desist. This has nothing to do with hunger, and people who starve their cats in order to make them catch mice are simply wasting their energy and causing a lot of suffering to the cat. Either a cat is going to hunt or it is not, and I'm afraid there's not much you can do about it.



GIVE THEM LIFTS!

A children's story? They've all been told before

MY publisher is a pleasant sort of fellow who has the welfare of his writers at heart.

One day, therefore, he took me aside and said:

"Look, you'd better think twice before you start on your next, because the latest surveys show nobody reads books any more."

"Come, come," I said. "I personally know a couple who buy at least two books a year."

"That may be," said my publisher. "But I can't put out a whole edition for just one couple. Anyway, I've been thinking. Why don't you write a children's book? Children still do read."

"Sure," I said. "Why not? A children's book. What's selling now?"

"Animals."

"Very well, I'll write you an animal story."

"What animal?"

"Um... a billy goat. Kiddie the Bill. How's that?"

"Ha..." — thus my publisher — "it's been done before: *Gilly the Goat*. Sold eight printings. Not a bad story either. Gill runs away from home in a jeep, but after many adventures he finds that home is best after all and goes back to mama goat. You'll have to come up with something a bit less common..."

"Like what? A bear maybe?"

"I just published the last of our *Bobby the Bugbear* series last week: Bobby runs away from

home because he's got this bug about wide open spaces, but in the end he returns home because he finds that home is the best place after all. We've had everything, chum dogs, cats, cows, camels, mice, lice, the lot..."

"Got about a zebra?"

"Got one, *Ezra the Zebra* joins the IRA. Sixteen printings."

"Does he run away from home?"

"Yes, in a jeep. You'll have to find something new."

"A lemming."

"Don't be funny, it's been at the top of the best-seller list for a month: *Lemming Go, Lemming Go!* It runs away..."

"A bat?"

"*Aladdin the Bat and the 40 Thieves*. This silly little bat leaves home..."

"In a jeep?"

"No, he returns in a jeep."

My publisher fetched the catalog.

"Hardly an unemployed animal left," he mumbled, as he ran his finger down the list. "There's *Iggy the Eagle at the Olympic Games*, *Cuckoo the Merry Marmot*, *Hunch the Hippo* who runs away to become a hippie..."

"Got it!" I shouted. "A woodworm!"

"Twenty-three printings," my publisher snorted. "*Joseph the Woodworm Goes Fishing*. Fairly amusing. He gets to America on this ship..."

"How?"

KISHON'S KEYHOLE

EPHRAIM KISHON

"Hides in a cargo of jeeps."

"I see. Well, I suppose there's nothing left me then but a flea."

"*Lea the Flea Fixed the Cops*. Came out this autumn. She runs away from home, goes to the flea-market, not a bad story at all..."

"Snakes. Got any snakes?"

"Crawling with them. *Creepy the Viper at the Traveling Circus*.

He gets friendly with the boy next door, and they run away with Betty the Beetle..."

"*Codfish?*"

"*Shimmelle the Codfish Hijacks a Plane*."

"*Snails?*"

"*Micky and Moocky and Snooty Snails*. They're twins, and they run away from the home on

their backs, but they return because it's cold outside."

"Very well," I sighed, "a sea sponge."

"Splendid," he said, beaming at me.

"I don't believe that's been done yet. You'll have to write fast, though, because once the word gets round there'll be three different versions in the bookshops before you can say scat..."

"Leave it to me," said I. "You can add it to your catalog: *Spooner the Sponge Goes to*

Town."

"Shoot!"

I drove home at great speed, and in two days I'd finished the first in the series.

It turned out quite well, too: Spooner runs away from home to become a bath-sponge in Jerusalem, but after all sorts of adventures he returns home.

I think he'd better return in a jeep. Play it safe.

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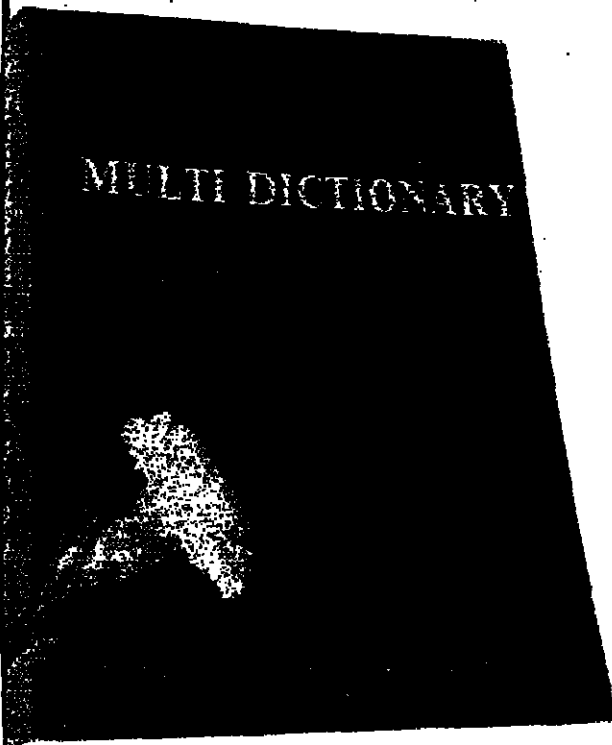
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Sanchez Vicario rallies to win US Open title

NEW YORK (AP) — Arantxa Sanchez Vicario rallied after getting routed 1-6 in 22 minutes in the first set to outlast Steffi Graf 7-6(7-4), 6-4 yesterday and win her first US Open crown.

Sanchez Vicario twice broke Graf in the third set, but each time allowed her top-seeded German opponent to break back. She earned her third and decisive break in the ninth game to lead 5-4 and then served out for the match and her second Grand Slam title of the year.

Graf, top-seeded and defending champion, did not drop a set until yesterday. She developed back pain during the second set for which she had to be treated at court side by a trainer.

The No. 2-seeded Spaniard won \$550,000 for her victory, the third major title of her career and first on a surface other than the clay of Roland Garros. She won the French Open in 1989 and earlier this year.

It was her second victory over Graf in five meetings this season, the other coming in a 4-6, 7-6, 7-6 win in the final of the Citizen Cup in Hamburg, Germany on May 1.

Graf developed problems in the second set. Stretching wide on a backhand, she appeared to wince before losing a point to go 15-15 at 3-4. She bent down in a squat apparently to stretch her back. The 25-year-old Graf was questionable coming into the final Grand Slam event of the year because of problems.

She bent down once more before winning the game to even the set 4-4, and then was treated at the changeover by a trainer after falling behind 4-5.

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break, double set point before Graf rallied to hold serve and even the set at 5-5.

The victory somewhat avenged Sanchez Vicario's 0-6, 2-6 loss to Graf earlier this year in the final of Australian Open.

In men's action yesterday, Michael Stich's 14th ace of the day came on match point and powered him to a 7-5, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) victory over Karel Novacek and into the men's championship match.

The victory in the wind-swept stadium in Louis Armstrong Stadium propels Stich into today's final where he will meet the winner of a scheduled match late last night between ninth-seeded Todd Martin and unseeded Andre Agassi.

At No. 4 the highest seeded player left in the men's field, Stich was effective if not dominant. But he broke Novacek's serve at the most opportune times in the first two sets, in the final game of the first set and the next-to-last game of the second.

"All the breaks came with the wind," Stich said of the conditions that affected the ball toss and made overheads and high volleys moments of chance encounters.

In the opening set, the two traded service breaks in the sixth and seventh games. Then Stich jumped out to a love-40 lead in the 12th game before sending a backhand service return wide. That was the only points Novacek would win on this serve in this game as the 1.92-meter (6-foot-4) German closed out the set with a backhand passing shot that Novacek misplayed. Stich's lead he would never relinquish.

Bnei Yehuda stops Betar, takes top spot; Mac Haifa in record unbeaten stretch

THE second round of National League soccer action provided 29 goals and some fine entertainment yesterday as Bnei Yehuda climbed to the top of the pile with a 3-1 away win over Betar Jerusalem.

Champions Maccabi Haifa broke Maccabi Tel Aviv's 31 year-old record, extending its unbeaten run to 44 league matches without defeat, as it drew 1-1 against an impressive Maccabi Petah Tikva side that looks equipped to challenge for the title crown.

History was made in Tiberias as Hapoel Be'er Sheva scored its first-ever win in National League play, Eli Dahan scored in the dying minutes to beat Zefrah Holon before a crowd of just over 750 fans.

Hapoel Tel Aviv coach Moshe Simi has been on the receiving end of much vitriol from supporters following the unpopular sale of Haim Revivo and a number of other stars over the summer. His team has been labeled no-hopers, but yesterday's performance suggests otherwise. Against Hapoel Haifa's multi-million dollar side, the Tel Avivians showed guts and a fair amount of flair on their way to taking three points.

Bnei Yehuda 3, Betar Jerusalem 1. Bnei Yehuda fans were still sporting before the match from the 8-2 record defeat the Hapoel Quarter side inflicted on their team in last season's final fixture.

A first-minute headed-goal by Nir Shiret for Bnei Yehuda suggested that the nightmare was not over. Eleven minutes later, Michael Yaffa added to the Jerusalem's misery, slotting the ball out of keeper Giora Aumama's reach, from an unmarked position in the Bnei area.

Vladimir Greshnaye caught the Bnei Yehuda defense napping by lobbing a direct free kick into goal in the 41st minute from 30 meters out while keeper Liron Stramber was still busy arranging his wall.

Nevertheless, the visitors had the last laugh as substitute Sergei Gensimetz added a third goal with eight minutes to go, after Sahar Mizrahi found him totally free of Betar defenders in the middle of the box.

Mac Petah Tikva 1, Mac Haifa 1. A poor performance by the champions nevertheless saw them set a new record of 44 consecutive unbeaten league matches, surpassing the mark set by Maccabi Tel Aviv in 1953.

Eyal Berkovitz put the ball in the net for Haifa within two minutes with a superb solo run. But Tel Aviv leveled for the hosts in the 37th minute when he received the ball on the edge of the area, turned, and shot high to the left of Rafi Cohen in the Haifa goal.

Haifa tried to improve on their showing in the second period, but the Petah Tikvians were equal to everything they had thrown at them.

Hapoel Be'er Sheva's Zefrah Holon 2. The Be'er Sheva scored their first-ever win in National League play with a convincing display at Hapoel Tiberias.

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goals. The first came from Oron Muharar (33), then Walid Badir added in the 42nd minute.

Four minutes after the interval the stadium was plunged into darkness, as a result of an electrical failure. Twelve minutes later the action resumed, and with a quarter hour remaining Tamir Daniel squared the game for Herzliya with a scorching drive from 25 meters.

Betar Tel Aviv 1, Ironi Rishon 3. Visitors Rishon won the battle of the newcomers at Herzliya.

Rishon dominated the first half and went ahead through a cracking shot from Ivan Yermenchuk in the ninth minute.

Nir Shukva made it 2-0 in the 31st when he capitalized in a mixup in the Betar area to stab the ball home.

Rishon faded in the second half and within three minutes, Azerbaijan forward Shaim Denayev closed the gap with a skillful goal from long range.

Rishon hung on, and in the final minute, Itzik Suissa made it 3-1 when he rounded the keeper and made absolutely sure by dribbling the ball into the net.

Hapoel Beersheba 1, Ironi Ashdod 1. Beersheba had most of the possession during the first half, but Ashdod was first on the scoreboard against the run of play through a Ran Haflid penalty in the 43rd minute.

Beersheba made sure of at least one point when Nissim Avitan, who came on as substitute a few minutes earlier, leveled with a 73rd-minute header past Bonnie Ginsburg in the Ashdod goal.

US asks Israel to help police Haiti after invasion complete

THE Clinton administration has officially asked Israel to help restore law and order in post-invasion Haiti, as US preparations to invade the Caribbean island were put in high gear over the weekend.

On Friday, the White House said President Bill Clinton had discussed with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin the possibility of an Israeli contribution to the multinational effort being assembled to restore democracy to Haiti. The nature of the Israeli role was not disclosed in the statement issued in Washington.

ALON PINKAS

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday that the United States had asked Israel to send police advisers to Haiti as part of the effort to restore democracy there.

"The American request is for police involvement. We're talking about a limited number of skilled policemen who can advise the government without policing duties... if the need arose, only a small number of advisers would be sent, and Israeli troops would not be

patrolling the streets of Haiti," Peres told Army Radio.

Peres did not say how Israel would respond to the request, but described circumstances under which Israel might get involved.

"Let's say the regime will fall and the Haitian police needs professional advice, or let's say after a confrontation there would be a need to restore order; in these cases we were asked to give police advice," Peres said, suggesting that Israel would not be involved in actual military activities.

A diplomatic source in Jerusalem said last night that while the specter of IDF soldiers walking the streets of Port-au-Prince would make Israel uncomfortable, a more limited role should be examined.

"We talk a lot about how we are now an integral part of the international community and talk even more about our special relations with the US. There is a price to be paid for this membership and this relationship," he said.

Soldier killed in security zone ambush buried in Ashdod

HUNDREDS of friends and relatives attended the funeral Friday of Sgt. Ohad Nissim, 20, who was killed Thursday when his patrol was ambushed in the security zone in south Lebanon.

Nissim, a native of Ashdod, was buried in that city's military cemetery.

Among those eulogizing him were OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai and Ashdod Mayor Zvi Zilker. Dozens of members of his paratrooper unit were there to comfort Nissim's parents and two older brothers. During the ceremony, some of the soldier's stood crying on each others' shoulders while others stood in shocked silence.

Mordechai said it was possible that by drawing Hizbullah fire, Nissim's patrol had prevented a more serious attack on the towns and villages in the Galilee.

"Because of these fighters, Ohad and his comrades, the children of Minara and Margoliot, Misgav Am, Yiftah, and Kiryat Shmona, can sleep in peace, knowing that they have loyal guardians of their security and their lives," Mordechai said.

Nissim's company commander said at the graveside, "You always knew how to say the right thing at the right time, and with a smile. We lost a good fighter, commander, and friend."

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Meshulam's trial set to start today

RAINE MARCUS

THE trial of Uzi Meshulam and 20 of his followers, accused of possessing illegal weapons, shooting in a residential area and endangering lives during a two-month siege in Yehud, is scheduled to begin in Tel Aviv District Court today.

Judge Amnon Strasnov has already rejected a request by Meshulam's new lawyers, Simha Ziv and Tsadok Hugi, to delay the trial to give them more time to examine evidence. Ziv and Hugi replaced Meshulam's previous lawyers only last week.

Meshulam and around 100 followers holed themselves up in his Yehud home last March, ostensibly protesting the "disappearance of thousands of Yemenite children 40 years ago." They were heavily armed with IDF and private issue weapons and shot and hurled firebombs at police who attempted to reach an agreement with the group.

During the ensuing two-month siege they turned the house, in a normally peaceful town, into a fortress and terrorized residents there.

Although police had hoped for a peaceful end to the siege, Meshulam and his followers were not prepared to surrender. Meshulam was arrested when he went for a meeting with police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz. His followers eventually surrendered after 48 hours. One supporter was shot dead by a marksman after he fired at a police helicopter.

Tel Aviv judge blasted for issuing suspended sentences to child abusers

RAINE MARCUS

THE director of the National Council for Children blasted a judge's decision on Friday to hand out suspended jail sentences to two men who abused their children.

"It is a scandal that such severe acts on children are given suspended sentences each to two fathers convicted of beating their children," said Dr. Yitzhak Kadman after hearing of the sentences.

In two separate cases on Friday, Tel Aviv District Court Judge Nathan Amit gave six-month suspended sentences to two fathers convicted of beating their children.

A 41-year-old Tel Aviv resident confessed to regularly beating his four children with a stick and a belt over a period of several years. He would also hurl objects at them and abused his wife in the same way, the court heard.

He was given a six-month suspended sentence and put on probation for two years.

Amit avoided sending the defendant to prison to "keep the family together and to keep family peace."

The second case involved a 49-year-old Netanya resident who was convicted of beating his 17-year-old daughter. He would hang her head against a wall, and on one occasion she needed hospital treatment.

In this case too, Amit said a prison sentence would mean "a total upheaval in the man's life and would cause him to lose his job."

Kadman said his organization would write immediately to State Attorney Dorit Beinisch and ask her to appeal the leniency of both sentences.

"The court's duty is to protect helpless children from those, including family members, who abuse them," he said. "It is inconceivable that time after time, the courts take into consideration the suffering of the attacker and not of the victim."

Lower courts are ignoring the direction and verdicts of Supreme Court justices, who have on many occasions handed out severe sentences to offenders after district attorneys appealed against lenient sentencing, said Kadman.

"I do not understand how lower courts ignore the message of the Supreme Court justices who invariably hand out stiffer sentences and who state that the victims' benefit must be first priority," he said.

Cypriot president due at Hadassah

JUDY SIEGEL

THE president of Cyprus, Glafcos Clerides, will be given an eye examination by doctors at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem tomorrow morning.

The Cypriot leader is due to arrive today, accompanied by a large delegation.

Hadassah sources said the chairman of the eye department, Prof. Hanan Zauberman, is now in China to perform eye surgery, thus it has not yet been decided who will examine Clerides. No information was available on what problem he has and whether he will only need a consultation or actual treatment.

Clerides, who was advised by Health Ministry officials to go to Hadassah for his problem, is scheduled to return home on Tuesday.

Fruit, vegetable prices drop sharply

Pupil injured by his home-made bomb

RAINE MARCUS

FRUIT and vegetable prices have dropped an average of 20 percent over the last week, the Agriculture Ministry announced on Friday.

In the wholesale market, the price of a kilo of pears has dropped to NIS 5 from NIS 6 earlier last week, while apples dropped to NIS 4 from NIS 5.

The cabinet is expected to decide today whether to allow the import of fruit and vegetables, a move which is being opposed by Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur. He suggests allowing the import of apples and pears only, while Finance Minister Avraham Shohat favors the import of a wide variety of fruits and vegetables.

Over the weekend, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's economic adviser, Ilan Platto, met with Agriculture Ministry officials in an attempt to reach a compromise on the import issue.

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A 16-YEAR-OLD boarding school student was injured yesterday afternoon when an improvised bomb he had been making exploded.

The youth was taken to Petah Tikva's Beilinson hospital, suffering from moderate injuries to his hand and leg.

He said he had learned about bomb-making from a book he received from his parents. He told police he intended to explode the bombs in some caves near Mevaseret Zion.

He was sitting in his room at the agricultural school in Petah Tikva yesterday afternoon, constructing four bombs out of brass piping which he filled with match heads. Suddenly, one bomb exploded. Shrapnel penetrated his body and he was rushed by a Magen David Adam ambulance to the hospital, where he underwent surgery.



Actor Kirk Douglas entertains children in Jerusalem's Talpiot neighborhood on Friday after dedicating a new playground established with a donation from him and his wife, Anne.

(Brian Hendler)

Border policeman suspected of robbing Kibbutz Mishmar Hanegev treasurer

AMIR ROZENBLIT

A BORDER policeman is suspected of robbing the treasurer of Kibbutz Mishmar Hanegev on Thursday, with the aid of a kibbutz member who supplied him with a gun and information.

Aviad Shetreet, 19, a border policeman from Beersheba, and Kibbutz Mishmar Hanegev member Gil Martinovski, 25, were remanded for 10 days on Friday by the Beersheba Magistrates Court.

On Thursday morning, the kibbutz treasurer, David Levy, was

robbed at gunpoint by a masked man in Bank Hapoalim's underground parking lot in Beersheba. The robber knocked Levy over, hit him on the head and threatened to shoot him. He then swiped a briefcase containing NIS 4,000 in cash, checks and various documents.

Police arrested the two suspects on Thursday. They told the court

on Friday that the suspects had confessed to the crime.

Martinovski apparently supplied Shetreet with a pistol and information concerning Levy's banking plans, but he did not participate in the robbery, police said.

Despite their confessions, the judge decided to keep the two in custody, saying they had only partially cooperated with police, and the money and weapon had not yet been located.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man drowns off Tel Aviv beach

A 72-year-old Tel Aviv man drowned yesterday morning off Frishman beach in Tel Aviv. The body of Shafet Inbar was found at 8:30 a.m. after it had washed ashore.

Since he was carrying no identification, the body was transferred to Abu Kabir. Late in the afternoon, family members contacted police.

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Spielman's widow ordered to pay damages

The Tel Aviv District Court on Friday ordered the widow of Anshel Spielman to pay NIS 10,000 damages and NIS 95,262 in court costs in the libel suit filed against her husband by Moshe Svoray.

Judge Eliahu Winograd found that Svoray had obtained his main aim in the case by clearing his name. Since the harm to him was not significant, Winograd said, damages were set at NIS 10,000.

In January 1993, the court found that Spielman had slandered Svoray, 79, by claiming in publicly available memoirs that Svoray had led British police to the hideout of Avraham Stern.

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Philanthropist Joy Engerleider-Mayerson dies

Philanthropist Joy Engerleider-Mayerson died last week at the age of 74 in New York. She was the curator of New York's Jewish Museum from 1967-69 and served as its director from 1972-80. She supported many Jewish and Israeli causes.

Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the queen of spades, queen of hearts, ace of diamonds and king of clubs.

NRA catches offending hunters

LIAT COLLINS

SIXTEEN hunters were caught yesterday violating hunting laws during an enforcement campaign by the Nature Reserves Authority, which used a plane to catch the law-breakers.

NRA inspectors on the ground, guided by their colleague in a plane, met up with 60 hunters. Most of the 16 offenders were found in the Latrun area. Other areas checked were Nahal Shilo near Rosh Ha'ayin, Modi'in, Beit Shemesh, Beit Guvrin, and the area between Kiryat Gat and Ashkelon.

The most frequent offenses were shooting from a moving vehicle and not keeping guns covered when traveling. Two men did not have hunting permits.

Most of the hunters were found to be shooting partridges, rabbits and pigeons.

The NRA filed police complaints against the men.

The authority spokeswoman said the introduction of aerial inspections was meant to add another element of deterrence against hunting violations, which have been increasing in recent years.

The hunting season officially opened on September 1, and will continue until the end of December. Some 5,300 people have hunting licenses, the NRA spokeswoman said.

Hunting is permitted only during daylight hours, except for the hunting of wild boar and porcupine, which is permitted at night. Hunters are allowed to shoot up to 10 birds a day from an approved list, and up to one rabbit and five partridges daily.

Sderot boy missing since Thursday

POLICE are searching for a Sderot boy, 15, who never arrived at school in Jerusalem on Thursday and has been missing since.

Igor Britman, the son of new immigrants from the CIS, spent the Rosh Hashana holiday at home. It was also his birthday, and he received presents and seemed happy, his parents said.

On Thursday morning, he went to the bus stop, from where he was to take a bus to the Castina junction, where he was to catch a bus to Jerusalem. By mid-day, when he hadn't arrived at school, the house mother called the family to inquire after his whereabouts. Igor's father then reported his disappearance to police.

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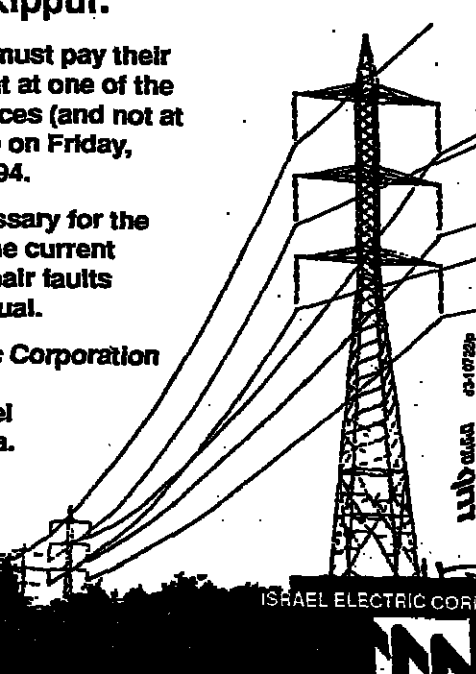
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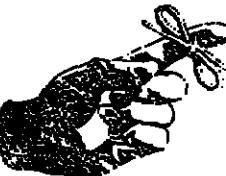
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